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Calgary Transit operator Shafiq Rawhi shows off a new digital display that, starting Monday, will automatically tell riders when their bus is approaching a major stop using GPS technology. The technology will eventually be used to tell Calgarians — via web or mobile app — where city buses are located in real time. Story, page 3. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Open up the taxi system: Coun. Farrell

Time to boost supply?

City's own formula would call for nearly 400 new plates

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Lingering troubles with taxi service in Calgary have at least one city councillor expressing a willingness to drastically shift gears.

Coun. Druh Farrell said Thursday she's fielded complaints from patrons since she was first elected in 2001 but has seen little improvement in the system. She's now vouching for removing city limits on the number of taxi plates and letting taxi providers duke it out on the open market.

"I'm prepared, out of frustration, to support a completely open system," Farrell said. "It's not the city's job to control the marketplace, to ensure that taxi companies make a profit."

City officials did bring a proposal before the volunteer Taxi Limousine Advisory Committee earlier this year to bump up the number of taxi plates by 310, but it was voted down in favour of a more modest 50-vehicle increase.

It's believed, however, that livery officials will still provide the results of a population-based formula for determining an adequate number of plates to city councillors in September.

In fact, a recent surge in Calgary's population could see livery officials vouch for more plates than they did originally.

Based on a previously cited population-to-plate formula and the city's recently released 2014 census data, the recommendation could come out in the neighbourhood of 383 additional plates.

That formula specifies that there should be 15.3 taxi plates for every 10,000 residents under the age of 65 and 22 plates available for every 10,000 residents over that age.

Coun. Ray Jones, however, balked at Farrell's talk of a free-for-all cab system.

"It would go to hell in a hand-basket if we open it up," he said. "In every city, from what I understand, that has gone from a closed system to an open system, it has failed because everybody's out there freelancing."

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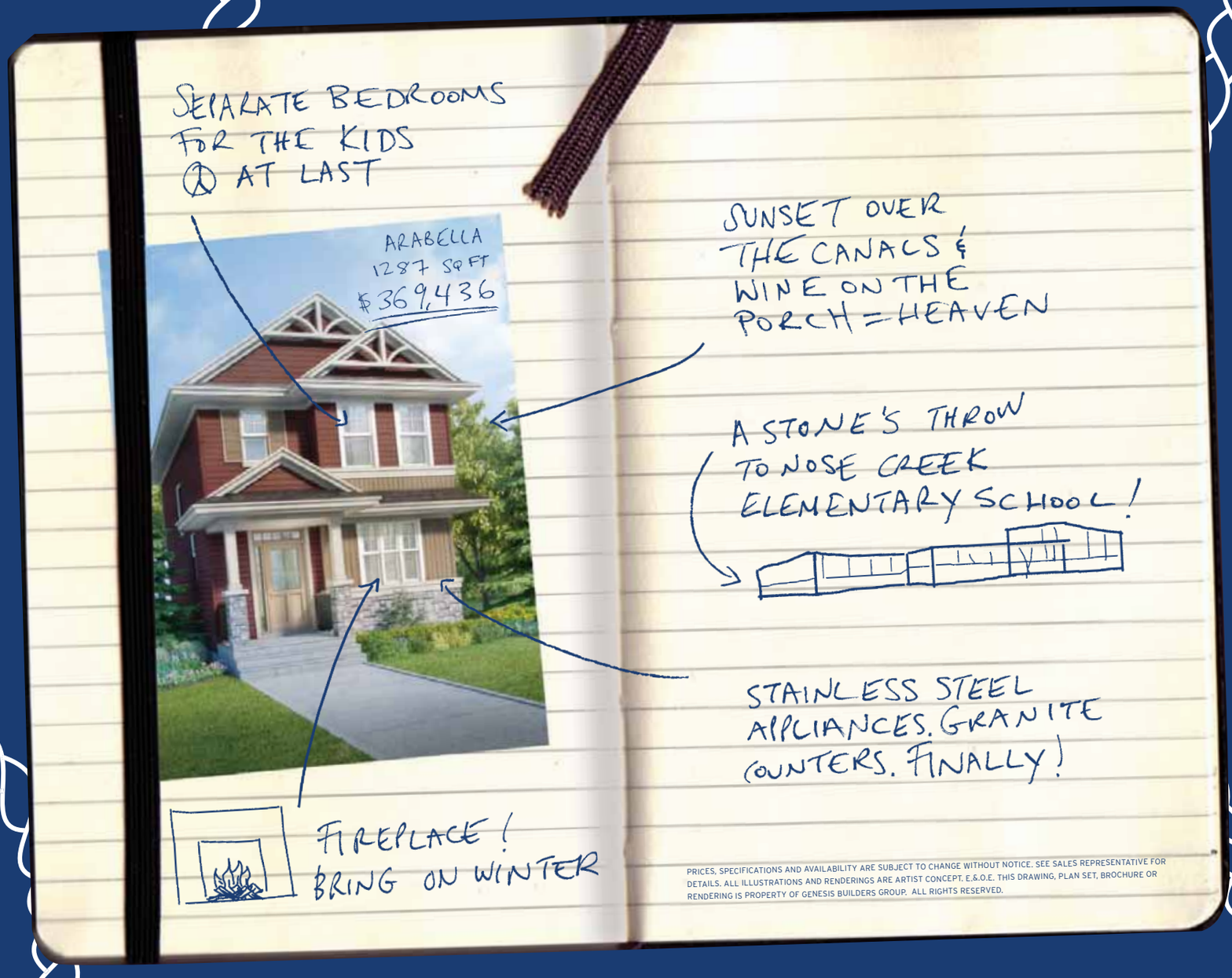
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Buses now equipped with GPS tracking

All city buses now have GPS technology installed in them that allows the vehicles' position to be tracked remotely — information Calgary Transit says is due to be shared with riders via web and mobile app before the end of the year.

"This has been deployed now and tested individually on our buses in our entire fleet of roughly 1,000 buses," transit manager of strategic planning Chris Jordan said Thursday. "The next step is to test the communication loads on the entire system while it's in service."

As part of the testing, Calgary Transit plans to introduce real-time audio and visual announcements on about 200 buses starting Monday, using the same GPS technology.

As a bus approaches a major stop, Jordan said riders will see the name of the stop displayed on a digital screen and announced by an automated voice.

"Over the next few months we'll be rolling that out to a simultaneous test on the whole fleet," he added. "We're looking for customer feedback and where they see issues."

Feedback forms will be available from bus drivers, Jordan said, and riders can also call 403-262-1000 to offer their thoughts.

Transit director Doug Morgan told council last fall that a mobile app should be available by late 2014, offering riders real-time information on where buses are. Jordan said Thursday that timeline remains on track for a December rollout.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Police plan to use this device to crack down on excessively loud vehicles. Trials using the device will be conducted throughout August. JESSICA PATTERSON/FOR METRO

Police testing device to target noisy rides

Pipe down. Officers plan to use tech in high-complaint areas

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Calgary police plan to spend August ironing out the kinks in a new device they hope will cut down on motorists running excessively loud rides.

The device is similar to one that's been used in Edmonton for three years, said Calgary Police Sgt. Dean Vegso.

For police to issue a ticket they must demonstrate that a vehicle is excessively loud and give consideration to the general noise of a specific area.

This means the threshold for breaking the law on Deerfoot Trail would be higher than on 17th Avenue.

The approach is different from the 96-decibel "hard limit" set by city council during long-standing trials using the "Noise Snare" device, created by Edmonton inventor Mark Nesdoly.

A trial run of that device netted just one ticket, and Nesdoly eventually severed ties with the city because they refused to agree to variable decibel limits.

When informed Thursday that police were now using a device in much the same manner he'd hoped to use his own, Nesdoly said, "The people at bylaw services didn't know what they were doing, and I was a victim of that."

"I basically gave it to them on a silver platter — how the bylaw has to be worded and the reason for it," he added.

The city's former bylaw director Tracy Bertsch had said the decibel limit was the best way to ensure data generated using Nesdoly's device would be admissible in court.

WITH FILES FROM JESSICA PATTERSON/FOR METRO

Enforcement

Should police move ahead with their noise-measuring device, violators would get $115 tickets.

- Police plan to target areas where they receive the greatest number of noisy vehicle complaints.
- Motorists will be given warning notices only during the August testing period but could still face tickets for equipment violations or stunting.

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On a tear for swimwear.

Angry mom hits Facebook to show her bikini pride

One Sherwood Park mother bared it all on the beach and on social media after she received rude comments from individuals while wearing a bikini.

It was supposed to be a normal day at the beach for Tanis Jex-Blake and two of her five children while visiting Alberta Beach on Monday, when the mother decided to wear her first bikini in 13 years.

It was when she was sunbathing that the mother heard comments from people standing over her saying "It's f–ing nasty" and pointing at her stomach.

Furious, Jex-Blake gathered her kids and went home, where she decided to post her frustration with the three individuals on Facebook alongside a photo of her in her bikini.

"I'm sorry that my belly is covered in stretch marks. I'm not sorry that my body has housed, grown, protected, birthed and nurtured five fabulous, healthy, intelligent and wonderful human beings," she wrote.

The post has earned her hundreds of "likes" and shares on Facebook, with the 33-year-old receiving comments from people around the world.

Sheila Chisholm, founder of the Beautiful Me project, says social-media posts like Jex-Blake's need to become a more common practice.

"The post she wrote was a stellar post," said Chisholm. "Her body is beautiful, and the work that it's done and it created speak more loudly than the scars. I think that's what we have to start teaching our kids."

"I think (my post) struck a chord with so many people because other than supermodels, nobody's perfect," said Jex-Blake. "All mothers, whether they have stretch marks or not, are embarrassed about our bodies because we don't look like the supermodels."

STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO IN EDMONTON

A real head-scratcher.

Cops try to solve mystery of the '60s party skull

Anyone missing a skull?

It's human. It's probably from the 1960s. And police in Hinton, Alta., are trying to figure out to whom it once belonged.

Family members of Leo Groenveldt, who recently passed away, found the skull "tucked away" in his garage, according to Hinton RCMP.

The family believes Groenveldt "came into possession of the skull at a party he attended in Hinton in the late 1960s or early 1970s," police said in a release.

Police added: "If anyone recalls attending a party in the late 1960s or early 1970s in Hinton where a human skull was shown or passed around, please contact Hinton RCMP at 780-865-2455."

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CBE faces new calls to reveal Navigator details

$240,000 paid to firm.

Trustee candidate says 'perception of interference' could harm board's standing

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Calgary's public school board faced new calls Thursday to disclose all dealings it had with a third-party communications firm.

Metro published a story Wednesday that revealed Alberta Education Minister Jeff Johnson had offered to investigate the Calgary Board of Education's relationship with Navigator Ltd. after concerns were raised by then-trustee chair Sheila Taylor in May.

But trustees opted instead to have the board's legal counsel Greg Francis conduct an internal probe, despite his own department first approaching Navigator, a self-proclaimed "high-stakes communications firm," in August 2012.

A statement from Johnson's press secretary this week said concerns were raised from within the CBE "surrounding the communications work done by a third party during the last (2013) municipal election campaign." The provincial spokesperson declined to elaborate on the statement.

The CBE, meanwhile, has long maintained that advice provided by Navigator fell under "solicitor-client privilege" and has shared few details.

But Christina Steed, who ran for a vacant trustee seat to represent Wards 12 and 14, said even the "perception of interference in the election" can be damaging to the board's standing.

Christina Steed, who ran as a CBE trustee candidate in the last municipal election, is seen with her four kids during the campaign. She said Thursday the Calgary Board of Education needs to be more forthcoming about its relationship with 'high-stakes communication' firm Navigator Ltd. during that campaign. METRO FILE

"You really have to work really hard at your communication so that it comes across correctly, so that there's no ambiguity of interference.... Reputations are lost on that."

Steed said if there is no wrongdoing, the CBE should share that.

Duane Bratt, a political scientist with Mount Royal University, said, at the very least, the $240,000 paid to Navigator by the CBE was "ridiculous," noting the board did maintain its own staff of more than 20 communications representatives during the same period.

"What was the reason for this in the first place.... If you've got 20 people, why are you outsourcing?" he said.

Bratt also said new details of the firm's relationship with the school board raises questions for him. He questioned why trustee Lynn Ferguson was so quick to scold Taylor after she spoke out against Navigator.

"It appears that Lynn Ferguson supports it, but why?" Bratt said. "Did she feel that the staff was incompetent? Did she feel that she was looking for a second opinion? Or are there other reasons to go to Navigator?"

Ferguson's criticism was detailed in emails leaked to Metro.

George Lane

Defence from former trustee

George Lane served as a CBE trustee for much of the time the board was utilizing the services of Navigator Ltd., before being defeated by newcomer Trina Hurdman in the 2013 trustee election. When reached Thursday, however, Lane said he'd heard little, if anything, about the organization's relationship with the firm.

Informed of the $240,000 paid to Navigator, Lane responded, "Well, is there something wrong with that?"

"I'm not going to render judgment on that, I don't know anything about it," Lane said. "It's a big organization. When you're talking about a billion-dollar corporation and the role of the board is oversight, you're not normally going to learn all of the details of what the administration is doing or not doing."

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Vigils held as teacher jailed in Jakarta nears potential release

Former Calgary teacher. Neil Bantleman named suspect in child-sex investigation

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Friends, colleagues and family lit candles at vigils in Calgary and around the world in a show of support for a former city private-school instructor, who remains in a Jakarta jail.

Neil Bantleman, who previously taught for a decade at Calgary's Webber Academy, and colleague Ferdinand Tijong were taken into police custody in the Indonesian capital on July 14 as police investigated allegations of sexual abuse involving kindergarten-aged students at the Jakarta International School (JIS).

Bantleman had been teaching at the school but has maintained his innocence and received support from the school's staff and headmaster.

Neither he nor Tijong has been formally charged.

His wife Tracy Bantleman, a fellow JIS teacher, told Metro on Thursday that she's been told her husband has to be released after 20 days unless more time has been requested by police or he's been charged.

"Eighteen days in, our patience and our strength is waning a little bit, but at the same time, we're optimistic about Saturday, the 20th day, and Neil and Ferdi potentially being released," Tracy said when reached by phone in Jakarta.

It's believed police are relying on testimony of an allegedly victimized student and a peer, but Tracy, Neil's lawyer and the headmaster of JIS have all expressed fears that "hysteria" generated by a previous sexual-abuse claim at the school has led witnesses to skew facts.

Previously, it's been alleged six outsourced cleaners working at the school raped a young boy in a washroom. One of the accused in that case reportedly committed suicide while being held in the same prison that Neil has now called home for more than two weeks.

Back home, two dozen people had indicated on Facebook that they would attend a vigil at Webber Academy, and a similar demonstration was planned in Okotoks.

Neil's brother, Guy Bantleman, was set to take part in a similar event in his hometown of Burlington, Ont.

Guy has also launched a petition online, adding, "This is a critical week and I want to have Neil and Ferdi released before Day 20, which is August 2."

Tracy welcomed the showing of support.

"By lighting a candle in Burlington, in Calgary, in Okotoks, wherever you are in the world — and we'll be lighting candles here as well — we are saying that they are innocent, that we are hopeful for the release and that this light will guide them home," she said.

Sisca Tijong, wife of Ferdinand Tijong, and Tracy Bantleman, wife of Neil Bantleman, are seen during a candlelight vigil held at the Jakarta International School this week. The pair continue to call for the release of their husbands. "We light one candle to represent their days of detention every night at 5 p.m. and (to) speak to both men's innocence," Tracy said Thursday. Inset: Tracy and Neil Bantleman, seen in an earlier photo. IMAGES COURTESY TRACY BANTLEMAN

International pressure

- Tracy Bantleman said diplomats with the U.S., United Kingdom and Australia have all signed a diplomatic letter "expressing their grave concern" for how the case involving her husband, Neil Bantleman, has been handled.
- She said Canadian officials have made no such statement publicly but have assured her they're working behind the scenes.

'Satisfactory'

Conditions inside a Jakarta jail

Tracy Bantleman describes the environment her husband is living in:

"The conditions are satisfactory. They're in a cell with approximately seven other people — that cell can hold 10 individuals total. It's a small, wooden platform up on a tile floor with mattresses that are on the floor, sort of side-by-side.

"That cell that they're in is one of 12 in that block, which holds 100 men. There's a door on that cell, but it's not always locked; sometimes it's open. People are up all hours of the night. People in other cells are up roaming the hallway in that corridor between the cells.... You have to be concerned for their safety.

"They're in jail, not everybody there believes that they're innocent, and that's a scary thing — to be laying awake at night wondering: is it safe to sleep?"

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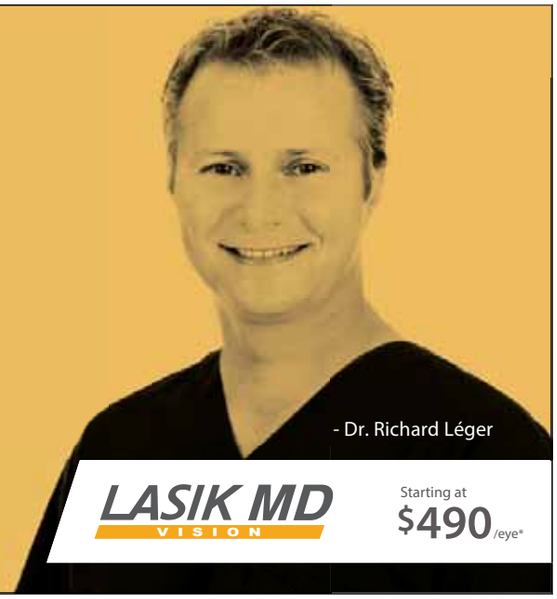

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Luckily for Irene Lee, the paper is not a ticket but rather a brochure trying to educate drivers on proper protocol when it comes to driving past emergency vehicles.

"I didn't know when I saw the flashing lights I was supposed to be at 60 (km/h)," Lee says, adding that she'll be more careful from now on.

Police and AMA tow-truck drivers caught numerous motorists with this set-up exercise on westbound Stoney Trail on Thursday morning. It's part of a campaign to raise awareness about slowing down when passing emergency vehicles.

"A lot of people don't realize that when they're passing a tow truck that's working on the side of the road they must slow to 60, and they get a little confused that way," said Const. Jim Lebedeff of the Calgary Police Service's traffic section.

"If you come across this, swing over to the far left lane and try to avoid it. That would be your best bet."

Fines for passing a vehicle with flashing lights too quickly can run as high as $250, Lebedeff said.

"We have had several near-misses," said Chris Hobbs, a tow operator with AMA. "I've had my perimeter and my cones set up, and I've had a driver run over two of my cones. Moments like that are definitely scary."

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REDFORD A SYMPTOM OF A GREATER DISEASE

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Here's the thing: I think I screwed up.

Back in 2011, when the PCs were looking for a new leader, I was growing increasingly exhausted with the conservativeness of this province and ironically joined the party to vote for its new leader. The choices in the leadership race felt like slim pickings, and I thought that if any of the candidates running for the leadership could make this province more inclusive and, yes, left-leaning, it would be Alison Redford. I also, frankly, wanted a female premier.

But what I didn't anticipate was that it didn't matter who was premier of Alberta.

Who can you trust?

I don't think Redford was doing anything that every other premier and upper-level employee wasn't already doing. Her mistake was getting caught and thrown under the bus.

All of these recent reports and allegations against Redford have not revealed her faults, but the faults of her party. I don't think Redford was doing anything that every other premier and upper-level employee wasn't already doing. Her mistake was getting caught and thrown under the bus.

She's the scapegoat.

The newest allegation against the former premier is that her office altered passenger lists so she could fly alone. If true, that's crazy. It's absurd. It's also probably not the first time it's happened.

I was definitely blind to it before, but now I realize the PCs are just rolling around in their dynasty power like Scrooge McDuck rolls around in his money pit. It would be silly to think Redford walked into her new role and immediately started demanding all of these extravagances. She likely just ran with the PC leader status quo.

And why wouldn't she? If it ain't broke, don't fix it, right?

For whatever reason, Alberta voters have never really expected much from their government, which means the PCs have been left to rule the roost. They run the show and do whatever they want, like spoiled children who think they can get away with anything. We've rarely disciplined the PCs and we've let them get away with far too much.

I was naive in thinking that Redford, and probably countless other politicians, continue to be in politics to make my life as an Albertan easier or better.

But we're the Dr. Frankenstein to the PCs' monster. We created this.

I'm truly sad about Redford's epic fall from the top. I feel like my first vote as a PC member was a mistake and I hate that feeling.

For everyone's sake, I hope to not make that same mistake again this September.

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Crews face fourth house fire this week

String of blazes. 'No connection' between incidents, says Calgary Fire Department

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Calgary firefighters extinguished a major house fire Thursday, the fourth such blaze in the city since Sunday.

The two-alarm fire damaged two homes on Whiteland Drive in Calgary's northeast. Nearby houses were evacuated, and the fire was quickly brought under control. No injuries were reported.

"It's really unfortunate we've had a string of fires happening," said Calgary Fire Department spokesperson Carol Henke.

"The occurrence of house fires is random," Henke added. "Each one is independently under investigation. There is no connection between them."

A house fire in Castleridge on Sunday substantially damaged two homes.

On Monday, a fire in Kincora left two homes uninhabitable, and the following day, three homes were severely damaged by fire in New Brighton.

On Wednesday, a fire also ripped through a home on the Tsuu T'ina Nation.

"All fire needs to start is heat, fuel and oxygen," Henke warned. "If you have something hot that can ignite, monitor it."

Thursday's fire on Whiteland Drive N.E. damaged two homes.
JESSICA PATTERSON/FOR METRO

New facilities. Slate of bedroom community schools set to open

Schools in Calgary bedroom communities are set to open on time for classes this fall, the province said Thursday.

Two facilities in Airdrie, one in Chestermere and another in Cochrane were among those to be unveiled.

Red Deer was also due to cut ribbons at three new schools, and finishing touches were being put on others in Beaumont, Brooks, Medicine Hat and Penhold.

The schools were all built using a public-private partnership.

"This proves, yet again, that Alberta P3s work," Alberta Infrastructure Minister Wayne Drysdale said in a statement. "These 12 state-of-the-art new schools were delivered on time and on budget and at a cost savings of $43 million when compared to using government's traditional method to build the schools."

It's believed up to 7,700 students will attend the new schools.

Another 19 projects, including eight in Calgary, slated to open in 2016 and be built using the P3 model now face delays after the government abandoned the model earlier this year.

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Black and white and cute all over. Calgary Zoo has two new baby penguins

The Calgary Zoo showed off two new baby gentoo penguins at its Penguin Plunge exhibit Thursday.

The first chick was born June 27 to breeding pair Arabel and Weddell, and the second was born July 4 to Giselle and Lachlan, according to zoo biologist Malu Celli. Breeding pair Giselle and Lachlan had their first chick, Una, last year.

"We're really pleased we got those two chicks this year," she said.

"These guys are the second and third we've hatched — one last year and two this year."

Incubation for a gentoo egg is about 38 days on average, and the penguins can live up to 20 years, Celli said.

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A baby penguin nuzzles at the feet of an adult penguin at the Calgary Zoo on Thursday.
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France. Supporters of Israel say it has the right to defend its citizens

Hundreds of riot police in Paris deployed near the Israeli Embassy on Thursday for the first major pro-Israel rally since the start of the latest Gaza war.

Several thousand people turned out for the rally, waving signs with slogans like "Gaza hostage of Hamas" and "We protest for peace."

The demonstration happened amid persistent reports the Jewish Defence League (JDD) faces a government ban. JDD militants stepped in to assure security at synagogues during pro-Gaza protests but were blamed for provoking violence at pro-Palestinian rallies.

France has both the largest Jewish and Muslim populations in Western Europe, and the Gaza war has raised tensions to their highest in years.

Roger Cukierman, head of the group organizing Thursday's rally, said that Israel has the "right and duty to defend its citizens."

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said groups "that can pose problems" can be banned. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Demonstrators hold Israeli flags and placards during a pro-Israel gathering near the Israeli Embassy in Paris on Thursday. FRANCOIS MORI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Indefensible'

U.S. criticizes shelling of school

The White House says there is little doubt Israeli artillery hit a UN school in Gaza, describing the shelling as "totally unacceptable" and "indefensible."

White House spokesman Josh Earnest cited statements from the UN that blamed Israel for the shelling, as well as the Israeli government's acknowledgement that it was firing in the area of the school.

While the U.S. says it supports Israel's right to defend itself against Hamas, officials have called on Israel to do more to stem civilian casualties. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Growing pressure

Abbas seeks support in attempt to press possible war crimes charge, officials say

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is seeking written pledges of support from all political factions, including rival Hamas, before making any attempt to press for possible war-crimes charges against Israel, senior officials said.

Abbas is under growing domestic pressure to turn to the International Criminal Court to try to make a case against Israel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel, Hamas agree to short ceasefire, U.S., UN announce

72-hour truce. Israeli and Palestinian delegations are expected to travel to Cairo, Egypt, to begin talks on ending the conflict

Israel and Hamas have agreed to a 72-hour humanitarian ceasefire beginning Friday, during which time there will be negotiations on a more durable truce, the United States and United Nations announced Thursday.

At least four short humanitarian ceasefires have been announced since the conflict began, but each has been broken by renewed fighting.

A joint statement released simultaneously in New Delhi, where U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry is travelling, and at UN headquarters in New York said the U.S. and UN had gotten assurances that all parties to the conflict had agreed to an unconditional ceasefire.

An official at Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office confirmed that Israel had agreed to a 72-hour truce beginning at 8 a.m. local time Friday. Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said the Islamic militant group was also in agreement.

During the ceasefire, Kerry said Israel will be able to continue its defence operations to destroy tunnels that are behind its territorial lines.

Palestinians will be able to receive food, medicine and humanitarian assistance, bury their dead, treat the wounded and travel to their homes.

Israeli and Palestinian delegations are expected to travel to Cairo for talks with the Egyptian government aimed at reaching an end to the conflict.

In Geneva, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay accused both Israel and Hamas militants of violating the rules of war.

She said Hamas is violating international humanitarian law by "locating rockets within schools and hospitals, or even launching these rockets from densely populated areas." But she added that this did not absolve Israel from disregarding the same law.

The Israeli government, she said, has defied international law by attacking civilian areas of Gaza such as schools, hospitals, homes and UN facilities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Palestinian carries his daughter as they flee following an Israeli airstrike on an apartment building in Rafah on Thursday. HATEM ALI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An opportunity to negotiate

"It is up to the parties — all of them — to take advantage of this moment."

John Kerry, U.S. Secretary of State, on the ceasefire

Rising death toll

At least 1,441 Palestinians have been killed, three-quarters of them civilians, since hostilities began on July 8, according to Gaza health ministry officials. Israel says 56 soldiers, two Israeli civilians and a Thai agricultural worker have died.

- Israel expanded what started as an aerial campaign against Hamas and widened it to a ground offensive on July 17.

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Nelson Hart at his 2007 appeal, where his 2002 conviction was overturned. TARA BRAUTIGAM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

‘Mr. Big’ confessions ruled unreliable

Sting operation. Onus now on prosecutors to show confessions should be admissible

Confessions extracted through so-called “Mr. Big” police sting operations tend to produce unreliable confessions, are open to abuses and must be presumed inadmissible in court, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled Thursday.

Mr. Big operations involve undercover officers posing as gangsters belonging to a fictitious organization to gain confessions to crimes.

In a majority decision, the court ruled that stings like the one used to convict a Newfoundland man of drowning his three-year-old twin daughters are fraught with risks.

Nelson Hart was initially convicted of first-degree murder in 2002 in the drowning deaths of his daughters, Krista and Karen. At his trial, court was told that Hart demonstrated for undercover officers, posing as members of the mafia, how he drowned the girls by shoving them into the waters of Gander Lake, N.L.

The conviction was later overturned in 2007.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court justices ruled that Hart’s confession during the sting operation cannot be used against him should he face another trial.

In its judgment, the court said that prosecutors must prove a Mr. Big confession is admissible by showing it’s reliable and that it won’t unfairly prejudice a suspect during court proceedings.

The Crown must also prove the confession was not obtained via police coercion or was facilitated due to a suspect’s mental-health or addiction issues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Justin Bourque

Moncton shooter fit to face judge, jury

A New Brunswick man charged with fatally shooting three RCMP officers and wounding two others in Moncton has been found fit to stand trial and chose to be tried by judge and jury.

Justin Bourque, who faces three charges of first-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder, underwent a psychiatric assessment concluding Bourque is competent and mentally fit for trial.

Presiding Judge Irwin Lampert ordered the documents sealed at the request of the defence to ensure a fair trial. THE CANADIAN PRESS

First Nations. Feds’ transparency legislation called ‘an imposition’

A political leader in the Northwest Territories says there are concerns over the federal government’s new law requiring the salaries of First Nations chiefs be posted online.

Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus, who is also the Assembly of First Nations’ regional chief for the Northwest Territories, says his people are not opposed to the concept of accountability and transparency.

However, he says the problem is that the federal government’s new legislation is “an imposition” on First Nations’ governments.

“The chiefs are committed to being accountable to their people, not to the federal government or the public,” he said. “The funds we receive from Canada are not taxpayers’ money; they are Indian consolidated funds through the treasury board based on our treaty relationship with the Crown.

“The way that the bill is designed puts First Nations financial entities ... at a disadvantage.”

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First inspection made of Malaysian jet crash site

Flight 17. Australian, Dutch investigators finally allowed to survey wreckage in Ukraine

Two weeks after a missile brought down Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, an international team of investigators reached a wreckage site in eastern Ukraine on Thursday that remains bitterly contested between government forces and pro-Russia separatist rebels.

For the families of the victims, it was an important start in locating and recovering bodies still rotting in the fields and building a case against those who perpetrated the tragedy.

As the investigators — two apiece from the Netherlands and Australia — made an initial survey of the area shortly after lunchtime, mortar shells rained down on fields in a nearby village. Despite the lingering signs of risk, the team called their one-hour inspection a success.

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak and his wife Datin Sri Rosmah Mansor lay flowers outside a military barracks where forensic experts are working to identify bodies from Flight 17 in the Netherlands on Thursday.
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For days, clashes along routes to the wreckage site had kept investigators from reaching the area to find and retrieve bodies that have been lying in open fields where midsummer temperatures have hovered around 32 C.

But after negotiations, the investigators were allowed through the final rebel checkpoint before the wreckage site at the village of Rozsypne. A rifle-toting militiaman then fired a warning shot to prevent reporters from accompanying the convoy on Thursday afternoon.

The militiaman, who gave his name only as Sergei, said there was still fighting in Rozsypne as the Ukrainian army continues an offensive to take back territory from the rebels.

Australian Federal Police Cmdr. Brian McDonald said the visit was only a preliminary survey before more comprehensive recovery work.

"We had a quick inspection of the site. Today was more about an assessment of the site than it was of a search," said McDonald.

Up to 80 bodies are still at the site, said Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop.

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Sierra Leone

Soccer team barred from travelling over fears of Ebola

The Sierra Leone soccer team has been banned from travelling to the Seychelles for an African Cup of Nations qualifier because of fears over the deadly Ebola virus.

Players and officials were barred from boarding a plane Thursday in Nairobi, Kenya, that would have taken them to the Seychelles capital of Victoria for Saturday's game.

The BBC reported that Seychelles immigration authorities decided not to allow the Sierra Leone party to travel to the Indian Ocean island because of Ebola. The virus has killed more than 700 people in the West African countries of Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia and Nigeria.

The BBC also said Seychelles forfeited Saturday's game and a place in next year's African Cup as a result.

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Outbreak. Canada issues advisory on Ebola, says no need for travel ban

Canada's public health agency has issued a travel notice about the Ebola outbreak in three African countries.

But it is not following the United States in warning citizens not to travel to Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone — at least not yet.

The notice from the Public Health Agency of Canada notes that dozens of cases of Ebola virus infection have been reported in those countries.

And it adds that Nigeria's ministry of health has reported its first death due to the virus.

But it adds that the World Health Organization does not recommend that any travel or trade restrictions be applied to the African countries in relation to the outbreak. U.S. health officials are warning Americans not to travel to countries hit by the outbreak, which has killed more than 700 people this year.

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Newspaper front pages focused on the Ebola outbreak, including one, left, that reads 'Burn all bodies,' in the city of Monrovia, Liberia, on Thursday.
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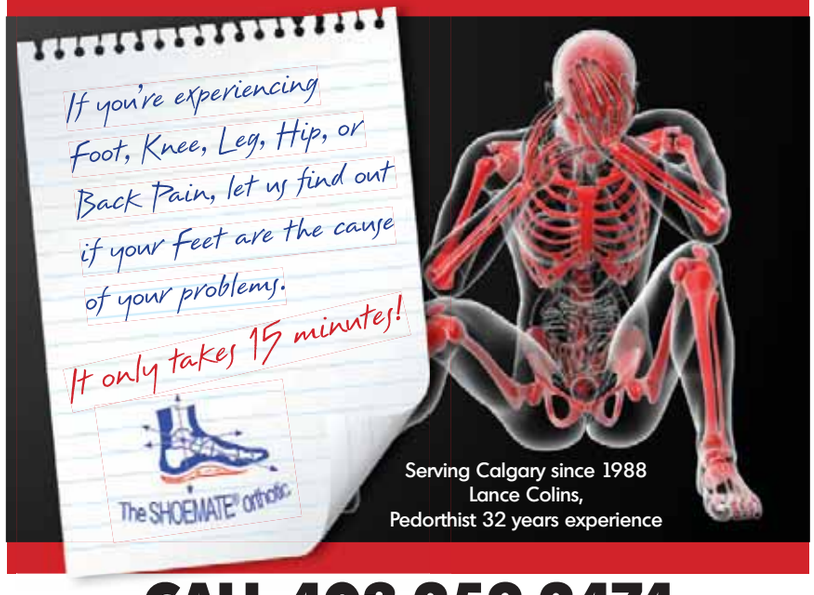
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Prophetic sloth honoured

World Cup outcome. Bob predicted Germany would win by grabbing the black, red and gold flag

The Toronto sloth that correctly predicted the World Cup winner has rejected honours from the city — repeatedly.

Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly was to present Bob the sloth with a congratulatory scroll on Thursday at the Toronto Zoo, but the furry mammal refused it at least three times.

And when the two-toed sloth did accept the scroll — awarded for its apparent precognition — the animal dropped it within seconds, seemingly losing interest.

Kelly said the three-year-old sloth's laziness resembled that of his teenage son, "eating, sleeping and just hanging."

Earlier this month, a German flag and an Argentine flag were presented to Bob, who made his prediction by grabbing the black, red and gold flag of Germany. Two days later, Germany won the match 1-0.

Zoo employees say Bob correctly predicted 14 World Cup matches this year prior to the final and has an accuracy rate of well over 70 per cent.

Kelly joked that he asked the sloth for predictions on the upcoming mayoral race, adding the animal replied he would "take his time" because "he's a sloth."

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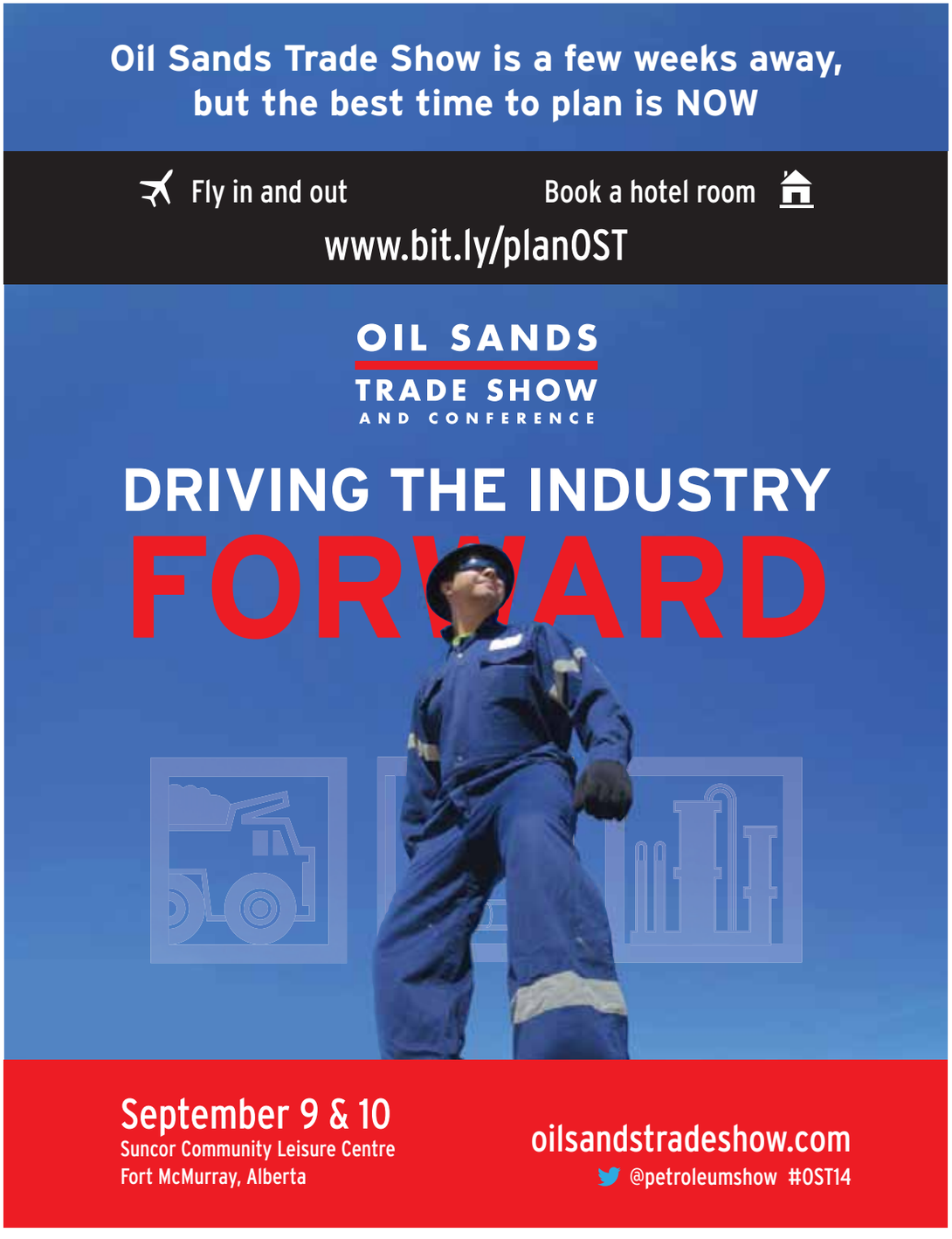
Toronto Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly, left, was on hand to present Bob the sloth with a congratulatory scroll. TWITTER



Unlucky in love. Lawyer sues bride, says she ditched him after getting a visa

First came love, then came marriage, then came the lawsuit by a Kamloops, B.C., lawyer who says his Vietnamese bride ditched him after getting a Canadian visa.

Rod McLeod has filed a notice of claim in B.C. Supreme Court, seeking money from Nguyen Xuan Bach Phung.

The two met on a social-networking site in July 2009, court documents say.

The next month, McLeod travelled to Vietnam to meet Nguyen.

They married three months later in a ceremony in Vietnam, after which McLeod sponsored Nguyen and her two children for immigration to Canada.

Throughout the relationship, before his wife was granted a visa, McLeod said he transferred money to Vietnam for Nguyen to invest, as well as cash for living expenses.

McLeod said Nguyen promised him she was not using the marriage as a means to gain residency in Canada.

The immigration process took two years, but Nguyen and her children were granted visas in November 2011, court documents say.

They arrived in Vancouver on Dec. 29, 2011.

Court documents say Nguyen "began to limit communications" with McLeod immediately after arriving in Canada, communicating only through text messages, even though they were residing in the same house in Kamloops.

McLeod claims Nguyen would leave the room as soon as he entered and alleges she refused to let him eat with her or her children.

She left McLeod on Jan. 5, 2012, seven days after arriving in Canada.

According to court documents, however, McLeod continued to pay Nguyen's living expenses until the following summer, when her daughter returned to Vietnam and her adult son became employed.

The couple was divorced in September 2013.

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Quebec

Naked man who allegedly rammed cop car arrested

It's unclear if it was his special day of the year, but a Quebec driver was in his birthday suit when police arrested him Thursday following a brief chase.

Police say the driver was stark naked when they finally stopped him south of Montreal for allegedly running a stop sign and ramming a cop cruiser.

Longueuil police spokesman Mark David says the 23-year-old man could face charges but for now is in hospital undergoing tests.

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Yellowknife

Storm and smoke create apocalyptic-looking sky

Red lightning pierced the sky as an eerie, winter-like darkness descended on Yellowknife. Some city residents say it looked like Armageddon, but it was really the result of an intense thunderstorm and a wildfire that's burning about 30 kilometres away. Ella Stinson with the N.W.T.'s environment and natural resources department says as the rain passed through the smoke on Wednesday afternoon, the droplets picked up ash.

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Fukushima. Panel says nuclear plant execs should face criminal charges

A Japanese judicial panel has recommended that three former executives of the utility that operates the damaged Fukushima nuclear plant face criminal charges over their role in the disaster.

A document released by the panel on Thursday showed it voted in favour of indicting Tsunehisa Katsumata, chairman of Tokyo Electric Power Co. at the time of the crisis, along with vice-presidents Sakae Muto and Ichiro Takekuro.

The coastal Fukushima Dai-ichi plant suffered multiple meltdowns following the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami that destroyed its power and cooling systems.

The decision by the 11-member panel followed an appeal of a prosecutor's decision last September to drop cases against six TEPCO executives, citing lack of evidence. The panel said dropping the case against a fourth executive, Akio Komori, was inappropriate but stopped short of recommending indictment. It endorsed the decision of prosecutors not to indict the other two executives.

The appeal representing nearly 6,000 people from Fukushima and other parts of Japan argued that prosecutors should investigate again and send the utility executives to court to find out who was responsible for the disaster.

As a result of the panel's decision, prosecutors must reinvestigate and decide whether to indict the four executives within three months. A second indictment vote by the panel would force them to go to court. They would be the first TECPO executives to face a criminal trial in the Fukushima disaster.

The panel alleged that TEPCO was beholden to its own "safety myth" and kept running the plant without implementing additional safety steps that would have required suspending plant operations and incurring financial losses.

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That only works in cartoons, lady

A woman passes by a kiosk with a roof blown off, after a storm in Macedonia's capital Skopje, on Thursday. A storm with heavy rain and strong wind engulfed the city, flooding the streets and breaking trees. There were no reports of injuries. BORIS GRDANOSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yosemite

Sequoias safe from blaze

Firefighters brought a blaze that had spread in Yosemite National Park under control, and containment lines kept the wildfire from threatening some of the treasured sequoias that are among the largest and oldest living trees on Earth.

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Ruptured pipeline

UCLA starts tallying damage

Hundreds of cars submerged below murky water. A landmark basketball court, newly refurbished, showing signs of buckling. Soaked and stained carpets.

The cost of the damage hasn't been pegged from the rupture of a pipeline that spewed more than 20 million gallons of water, but officials Wednesday were beginning to assess its soggy aftermath at the University of California, Los Angeles.

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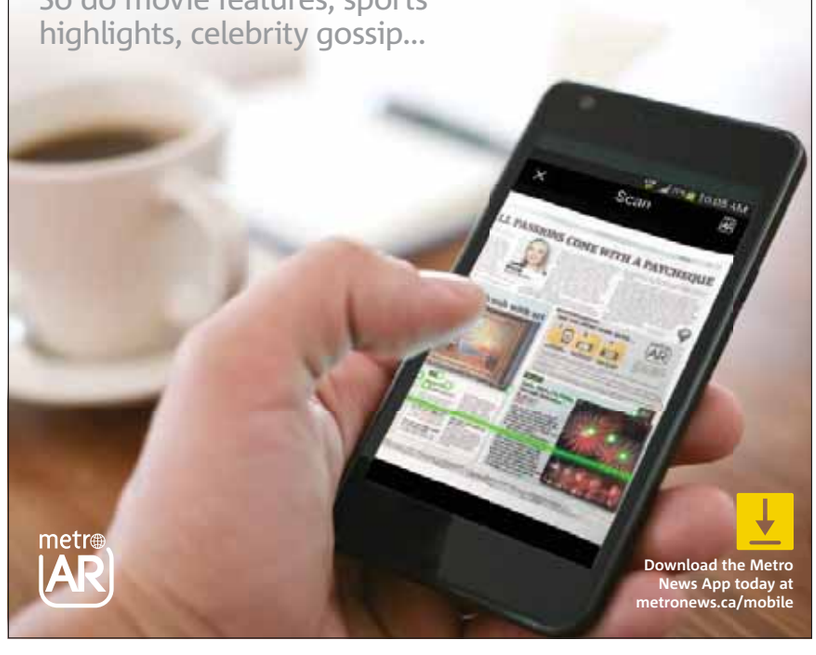

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Odds of survival low following landslide

India. About 41 dead, 100 still missing and approximately 40 homes destroyed in village of 700 people

Two days of rain caused India's latest landslide, which has already claimed 41 lives. RAFIQ MAQBOOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rescuers using earth-moving equipment and their bare hands dug through heavy mud and debris Thursday after a landslide engulfed an entire village in western India, killing at least 41 people and leaving about 100 missing and feared dead.

More than a day after the Wednesday morning landslide, authorities said the chances of survival were slim for anyone still trapped under the mud in Malin, a village of about 700 people in Pune district of Maharashtra state.

Suresh Jadhav, a district official, said around 40 homes were wiped out.

Forty-one bodies had been recovered and nine people pulled out alive, Yadav said.

Two days of torrential rains triggered the landslide and continued to pound the area as rescuers brought bodies covered in soaked white sheets to ambulances while relatives watched, weeping. Bad communications, dangerous roads and debris delayed national rescue personnel from reaching the stricken area for several hours Wednesday.

The disaster only came to light when a bus driver passed by and saw that the village had disappeared under masses of mud and earth.

"The driver returned to a nearby city and alerted authorities," Jadhav said. "Everything on the mountain came down."

Those rescued included a mother and her three-month-old son, whose cries caught the attention of rescue workers on Wednesday.

Pramila Lende, the mother, said she was feeding the baby when she heard the roar of rocks and mud hurtling down the hillside.

"I started running with my child but a heap of mud landed on my body," she said.

She kept the baby in an area with breathing space until his cries were heard, she said.

Suresh Dhonde, who was working in another town when the landslide ripped through his village, said only two people managed to get out of his house alive.

"The other six are buried under the mud," he said.

Crowds of people from nearby areas were helping rescuers, using their hands to move fallen trees and rocks. About 250 disaster response workers and at least 100 ambulances were involved in the rescue effort, officials said.

Rescuers expected the death toll to rise in the village at the foothills of the Sahyadri Mountains. Sandeep Rai Rathore, a top official of the National Disaster Response Force, estimated that around 100 people were missing and feared dead.

Last year, more than 6,000 people were killed as floods and landslides swept through Uttarakhand state during the monsoon season.

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Indonesia

Neil Bantleman THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vigils set for jailed Canadian teacher

Candlelight vigils were scheduled to be held in several cities Thursday night for a Canadian teacher who has been detained in Indonesia for more than two weeks.

Neil Bantleman, 45, was arrested in Jakarta during a police investigation into the alleged sexual assault of three kindergarten students.

Bantleman, who worked at the prestigious Jakarta International School, was detained along with teaching assistant Ferdinand Tjiong, who is Indonesian. Both face up to 15 years if convicted.

Guy Bantleman said since his brother's arrest, his supporters in Indonesia have held a nightly vigil outside the school gates.

"We're frustrated, there's no question," said Guy Bantleman of his brother's detainment.

"You have to remember these are just allegations," he said. "For teachers this is the worst allegation that you can ever have put forward because it's something you have to live with for the rest of your life."

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China

Muslim cleric killed by militants

China said Thursday that a leading pro-government Muslim cleric in the volatile northwestern territory of Xinjiang was murdered, and police killed two suspects and captured another.

The state media reports were the first official confirmation of the murder of Jume Tahir after dawn prayers on Wednesday, the latest in a string of increasingly violent and brazen acts targeting government supporters and institutions.

Tahir, 74, had led the 600-year-old Id Kah mosque in the city of Kashgar since 2003 and was a strong supporter of government policy on Islam that critics say imposes harsh restrictions on Muslims.

Violence has sharply increased over recent months in Xinjiang, where radicals among the native Turkic Muslim Uighur minority have pursued a violent campaign to overthrow Chinese rule.

Official reports said police killed dozens of the assailants, who reportedly first attacked police and government offices before turning on civilians. The precise death toll remains unknown,

While some of the recent violent attacks have shown an increased level of sophistication and planning, most have relied on crude weaponry such as swords, bombs and homemade explosives.

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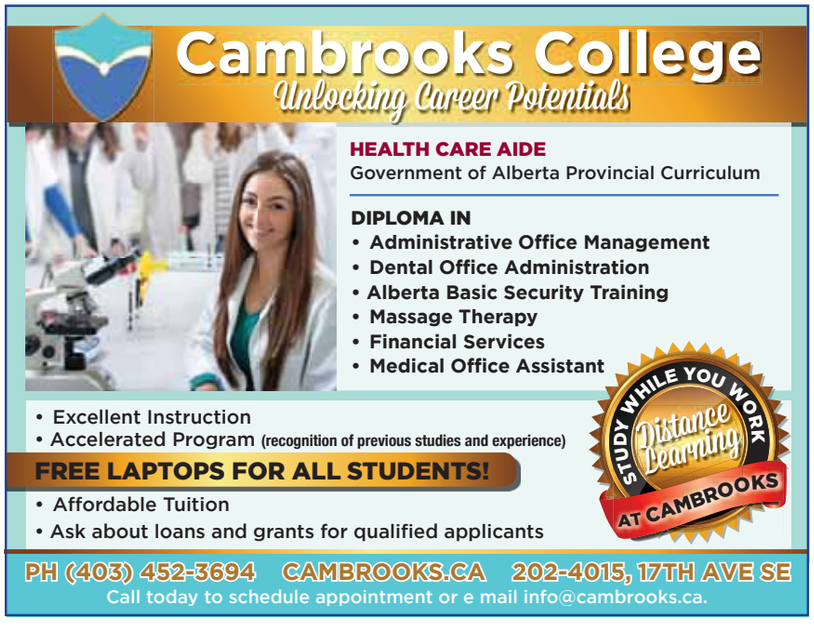
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Chicago. Demoted worker shoots CEO before turning gun on himself, say police

A demoted worker shot and critically wounded his company's CEO before fatally shooting himself Thursday inside a downtown Chicago office building in the bustling financial district, police said.

Police Supt. Garry McCarthy said a worker at a technological company pulled out a gun after entering the 17th-floor office to meet one-on-one with his CEO. There was a struggle for the gun, and the CEO was shot twice before the gunman fatally shot himself, McCarthy said.

McCarthy said the company was downsizing and that "a number of people," including the alleged shooter, were being demoted.

"Apparently he was despondent over the fact that he got demoted," McCarthy said.

The alleged gunman was later identified by the Cook County Medical Examiner's office as 60-year-old Anthony DeFrances.

Police said the alleged gunman was pronounced dead at the scene. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Idaho

Girl, 5, accidentally shot and killed by another kid: Cops

A five-year-old girl is dead after police say another five-year-old accidentally shot her at an eastern Idaho home.

Lt. Bill Guiberson of the Chubbuck Police Department says emergency workers responded to a Chubbuck home at about 3 p.m. Wednesday and took the victim to Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello. The hospital confirmed later in the evening the girl had died.

In a statement Thursday, police said adults were in the home at the time of the shooting but were in a different room. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taiwan port city rocked by deadly underground blasts

Kaohsiung. Gas leak leads to at least 24 deaths in country's second-largest city

Tossed vehicles line a destroyed street as flames burn from multiple explosions from an underground gas leak in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, early Friday. The explosions killed at least 24 and injured more than 200. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At least 24 people were killed and 271 injured when several underground gas explosions ripped through Taiwan's second-largest city overnight, hurling concrete through the air and blasting trenches in the streets, authorities said Friday.

The series of explosions about midnight Thursday and early Friday struck a district where several petrochemical plants operate pipelines alongside the sewer system in Kaohsiung, a southwestern port with 2.8 million people.

The fires were believed caused by a leak of propene, a petrochemical material not intended for public use, but the source of the gas was not immediately clear, officials said.

Video from broadcaster TVBS showed residents searching for victims in shattered storefronts and rescuers pulling injured people from the rubble of a road. Broadcaster ETTV showed rows of large fires sending smoke into the night sky.

Four firefighters were among the 24 dead and 271 people were injured, the National Fire Agency said. The firefighters had been at the scene investigating reports of a gas leak when the explosions occurred, Taiwan's Central News Agency reported.

At least five blasts shook the city, according to Taiwan Premier Jiang Yi-huah. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rhode Island. Remains more than a decade old found in uncooled morgue

Several bodies had been stored for up to a decade or more at a funeral home whose owner killed himself last week, police said Thursday.

The bodies of five elderly adults — three men and two women — and one fetus were found along with the cremated remains of two other people last week at the Pennine Funeral Home in Providence, according to the state health department.

Providence Police Maj. David Lapatin said indicators at the scene lead him to believe some of the bodies date back to the early 2000s. He declined to elaborate.

Another funeral director found the remains after returning from New Hampshire with the body of the funeral home's director, Alfred Pennine. Michael Berarducci told the Providence Journal that some of the bodies appeared to be identified with hospital tags and that three were in caskets and two were in long cardboard boxes. They were in a garage that had been converted into an unrefrigerated morgue, the paper reported.

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This Wednesday photo shows Pennine Funeral Home, in Providence, R.I., where bodies and remains that had been stored for at least a decade were found a week earlier. PROVIDENCE JOURNAL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michigan

Couple who owned dogs that mauled runner charged with murder

Prosecutors have filed second-degree murder charges against a couple they say owned two dogs that fatally mauled a 46-year-old jogger on a rural Michigan road.

The Flint Journal reports that Lapeer County Prosecutor Tim Turkelson issued the warrants Thursday against 45-year-old Sebastiano Quagliata and 44-year-old Valbona Lucaj. Turkelson says the couple also are charged with possessing a dangerous animal causing death.

Craig Sytsma of Livonia was attacked July 23 in Metamora Township, 72 kilometres northwest of Detroit.

The Detroit Free Press says the couple are living in the U.S. illegally and facing deportation.

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Meriam Ibrahim, left, holds her baby girl Maya, accompanied by Italian deputy Foreign Minister Lapo Pistelli, holding her son Martin, after landing from Khartoum at Ciampino's military airport, on the outskirts of Rome, on July 24. Ibrahim left Europe on Thursday for the United States, where she will make her new home. DANIELE LEONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Escaping death sentence for U.S.

Meriam Ibrahim. Sudanese woman who refused to recant Christian faith while facing death arrives in new home

A Sudanese woman who refused to recant her Christian faith in the face of a death sentence, which was later overturned, arrived in the United States on Thursday after a flight from Rome.

Meriam Ibrahim stopped in Philadelphia briefly before flying on to New Hampshire, where she will make her new home.

Her husband, Daniel Wani, who has U.S. citizenship, had previously lived in New Hampshire and has family there.

While in Rome, Ibrahim last week met privately with Pope Francis.

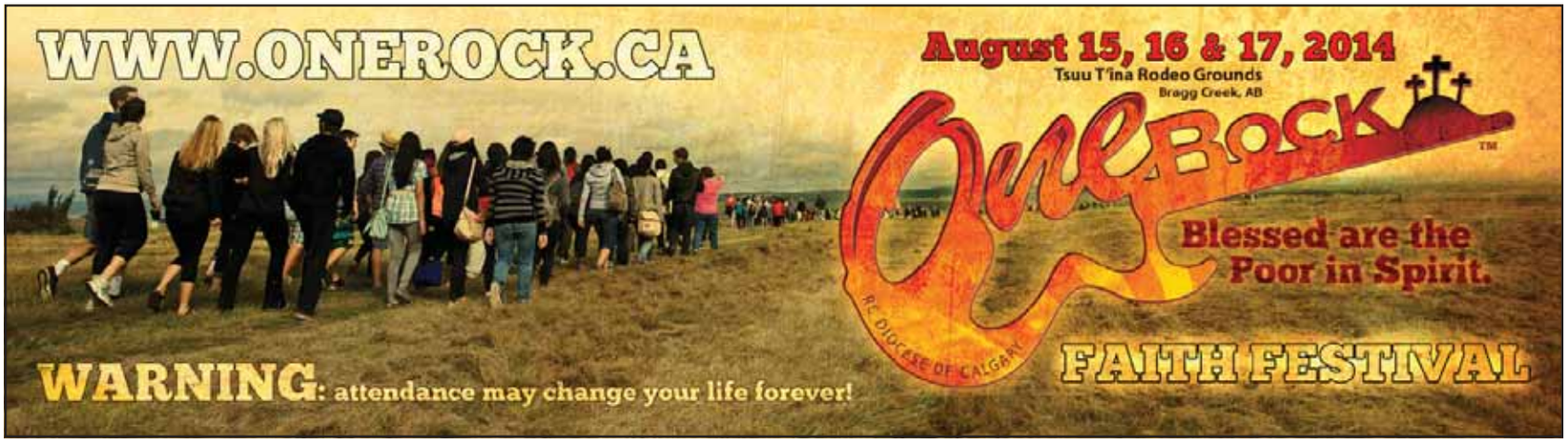
Hundreds of southern Sudanese refugees have settled in New Hampshire over the years.

Wani had been granted U.S. citizenship when he fled to the United States as a child to escape civil war, but he later returned to Africa.

Sudan initially blocked Ibrahim from leaving the country, even after its highest court overturned her death sentence in June. At one point, the family took refuge at the U.S. embassy in Khartoum.

Ibrahim had been sentenced to death over charges of apostasy. Her father was Muslim and her mother was an Orthodox Christian. She married Wani, a Christian, in 2011. Muslim women in Sudan are prohibited from marrying non-Muslims. By law, children must follow their father's religion.

A small gathering is planned at the airport in Manchester, N.H., later Thursday, said Gabriel Wani, Ibrahim's brother-in-law. He spoke to his brother and said the family is doing well. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Sugar, stevia mix is out

Sugar, crystalline fructose mix back in Vitaminwater

Coca-Cola is reversing course after fans of Vitaminwater complained about the drink's new sugar/stevia sweetener. The company promised the drink would go back to a mix of sugar and crystalline fructose after fans cried foul on Vitaminwater's Facebook page.

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EU slaps more sanctions on Russia

Malaysia Airlines. Following the downing of a passenger jet, EU has sanctioned some of Russia's biggest banks

The European Union on Thursday revealed the details of its broad economic sanctions against Russia, including the names of five major banks that will see their access to the 28-nation bloc's capital market curtailed.

The banks, in which the Russian state holds a majority stake, include the country's largest lender, Sberbank. The others are Gazprombank, VEB, VTB bank and Rosselkhozbank, also known as the Russian Agricultural Bank.

The latest sanctions were announced Tuesday, but the names of the targeted firms and other details were only released Thursday.

The package of punitive measures also includes an arms embargo and the prohibition to export some oil exploration technology used for deep-water drilling, Arctic oil exploration and production, or shale oil projects. Finally, the sanctions also forbid the export of so-called dual-use goods, which can be used for military and civilian purposes, whenever they are destined to Russia's military.

The EU is Russia's biggest trading partner.

The sanctions with the most immediate effect are those targeting the banks because they will make it harder for Russia's already ailing economy to get access to finance and further spook international investors.

The United States also imposed similar sanctions on Russian banks.

The EU beefed up its sanctions against Russia over what it decries as Moscow's meddling in Ukraine after the downing of a Malaysia Airlines passenger jet earlier this month over eastern Ukraine, which killed all 298 people aboard.

The U.S. and Ukraine say the Boeing 777 was shot down by a missile fired from areas controlled by pro-Russian separatists.

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A woman places apples in her bag at a market in Poland on Thursday. A paper has called on Poles to buy apples in support of apple producers after Russia said it was banning most fruit and vegetable imports from Poland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Poles protest Russian ban

Poles are posting photos of themselves with apples along with mocking comments online to protest a Russian ban on Polish food.

Russia will begin banning imports of most fruit and vegetables from Poland on Friday for what it says are violations of health regulations and documentation procedures for some Polish produce.

The ban is expected to mostly affect Polish apples. Poland is Europe's largest producer of apples.

The newspaper Puls Biznesu called for a show of solidarity with apple producers, urging people to eat more apples and drink cider. People responded with humorous posts on Twitter under the hashtag #jedzjablka — Polish for "eat apples."

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IMF calls for gas tax hike; Conservatives say no way

Joe Oliver THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The International Monetary Fund says Canada and other countries can improve their economies and environment by hiking energy taxes — while cutting them on people and capital.

In a new book, Getting Energy Prices Right: From Principle to Practice, the IMF essentially endorses policies — at times advocated by the federal Liberals and NDP — leading to what some have termed a "green shift" in the taxation system. The Conservative government, however, has rejected carbon taxes.

The premise of the book is that while carbon-based energy was indispensable to economic growth during the past century, it has come with considerable costs.

The solution, the IMF says, is to tax energy to such a level that the revenue pays for energy's environment and health costs.

In a novel and rather ambitious approach, the Washington-based financial institution attempts to calculate the cost of carbon energy — coal, gas, motor diesel and natural gas — for 156 countries and proposes precise taxation levels for each country to implement.

Recommendation

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The IMF says gasoline should be taxed at about $0.55 US a litre instead of the current 36 cents, and road diesel at about $0.64 per litre, instead of the current 42 cents.

For Canada, getting the price right could be a shock to the system of consumers and industry. For instance, the IMF says gasoline should be taxed at about $0.55 US a litre instead of the current 36 cents, and road diesel at about $0.64 per litre, instead of the current 42 cents.

In an email response, Finance Minister Joe Oliver said the Canadian government rejects the recommendations.

"We will not impose a 52 per cent increase on gasoline and diesel taxes, which would hurt consumers and businesses," he said.

"High energy prices are already a serious competitive disadvantage for European industry and are causing a capital and business outflow to the U.S. Our objective is to reduce taxes on Canadian families and employers, not raise them."

In an interview, co-author Ian Parry agreed such proposals have caused a voter backlash whenever suggested, but adds that the trick is to make clear to voters that other taxes, particularly those on income, will be cut by identical amounts.

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1 Clipped. Donald Sterling bought the San Diego Clippers for $12.5 million in 1981 and moved them to L.A. Now, banned by the NBA for racist remarks, he lost the case to block the sale of his team on Monday. Oh, what a tough pill to swallow! But something tells me the $2-billion sale price will make it go down like 100 million single-malt scotches.

2 Autocracy. Twitter stock has stagnated this year as some investors believe it has outgrown itself and reached a plateau. For more news on this, check Twitter.

3 R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Aretha Franklin walks into a Johnny Rockets in Niagara Falls with her nephew. This is not a joke. She orders a burger to go and sits down. An employee then tells her the table is exclusively for patrons eating in. Franklin agrees to have it there but is rudely told that she can't because they already rang her up as a takeout customer. How great is it that this girl was dumb enough to pull resto-rank on the Queen of Soul? Unless, maybe she knew it was Aretha and thought this could make her famous or get her a reality show. Darn it, too bad nobody mentioned her name.

4 So-duh! New research from the University of Southern California shows that soft drinks can impair our ability to learn and remember information. So when the dentist asks you how your teeth fell apart, you can honestly shrug and say, "I don't remember."

5 Finish line. Bachelorette Andi Dorfman apparently wanted a test drive before committing to a long-term purchase. It seems that while Nick may have been quicker from 0 to 60, Josh was superior when it came to handling curves. As a result, Andi chose Josh and was outed by Nick for having messed with his gear box.

6 #BieberBrawl. Twitter was abuzz with news that Orlando Bloom tried to punch Justin Bieber at a restaurant in Ibiza. Amateur footage demonstrated the type of witty banter we've come to expect from the Biebs. "What's up, b—?" followed by a "What. What." It's at this point that Bloom allegedly attempts to get at Bieber, but I don't know. Maybe he thought he was choking or just wanted to see if he could shake a vocabulary out of him.

7 Air Force None. CBC news reported that when Alison Redford was Alberta premier she had staff book false seats on government planes and then remove them so she could have the plane to herself. It's not enough that she gets to fly in a plane that's entirely first class; she won't even share it with anyone. Nice.

8 Say what? One of the highest-trending hashtags on Twitter is #shareacokewithcam. So who is this Cam that merits such an endorsement? A singer? A movie star? Nope. Just another pubescent Bieber-esque teen whose Vine videos, which focus on his toned and hairless abs, have earned him 3 million followers. I beg of you — someone, anyone — kill me now.

OF MICE AND MEMBRANES

Scientists have discovered a way to make mice see-through for research purposes. ISTOCK

U.S. scientists create see-through mice to get detailed look at inner anatomy

Researchers have found a way to make mice see-through — not while they're alive, and for research only — to help scientists study fine details of anatomy.

Before they are treated with chemicals, the animals are euthanized and their skin is removed. Researchers make their inner organs transparent, but not their bones. The result looks like a rodent-shaped block of gelatin, with the organs held in place by connective tissue and a gel used in the procedure.

Scientists have been able to make tissues transparent to some degree for a century. Last year, a technique that produced see-through mouse brains made headlines. Such treatments reveal far more detail than X-rays or MRI exams could deliver. The new work is the first to make an entire transparent mouse.

Mice are mainstays of biomedical research because much of their basic biology is similar to ours and they can be altered in ways that simulate human diseases.

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Why do this?

A 3D visualization of rodent cells.
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- Researchers say they could map out the nervous system or the spread of cancer using the see-through mice.
- It might also help doctors analyze biopsy samples from people someday.

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File under sketchy – in a good way

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Familiar as we all are with their city's wonderfully restless creative streak, New Yorkers can still surprise us with tiny flourishes of cultural vibrancy.

Which brings us to the Everyday Heroes file, where we find this subway sketch artist who swiftly doodles terrific portraits of fellow riders while they either eye him suspiciously or ignore him completely.

Speaking of portrait, we renew our call for pocket videographers to please hold your phones horizontally. For a happier future. (Swagswagswaghunna/YouTube)

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Space opera is a wild ride

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

WHO ARE THE GUARDIANS? CHECK OUT OUR GUIDE ON PAGE 24

Guardians of the Galaxy is the most pure fun blockbuster since the first Iron Man, says Richard Crouse. CONTRIBUTED

Guardians of the Galaxy. Cross between Star Wars, Iron Man and Indiana Jones delivers wisecracks and a talking raccoon

Richard: Mark, summer blockbusters haven't been much fun this year. They have all been a bit gloomy Guardians of the Galaxy is a tonic for the troops. An old-fashioned space opera, it's a wild ride and the most pure fun blockbuster since the first Iron Man movie. Did you find it as much fun as I did?

Mark: Richard, I generally don't care for space operas, but this one's a game-changer. Its debt to Star Wars is enormous, with Chris Pratt as Luke Skywalker, Zoe Saldana in the Carrie Fisher role, and the raccoon and the tree as R2D2 and CP3O. But then its originality takes flight — literally — and the movie becomes its own unique creation. It has a great sense of humour about itself, and if you don't fall in love with the talking raccoon with the Brooklyn accent, you're as villainous as the bad guys in the movie.

RC: Totally, it's filled with one-liners, sight gags and funny moments that play off the more standard blockbuster-style action and battle scenes. Pratt has an offhand delivery that recalls Harrison Ford in Han Solo mode, Cooper does wisecracks like a skilled comic and (*almost a spoiler*) there's Baby Groot to up the cute factor. They supply the light moments, but this is an all-out action movie with a blithe spirit. The only bits that dragged were the set-up scenes.

MB: I don't think you watch this movie for the plot anyways. But the very first scene, a *waaaay* too serious deathbed scene between a boy and his mother, left me with a bad taste and it took me awhile to recover from it. My biggest beef? The bad guys have bad dialogue.

RC: However, none of our gripes matter much because the movie is so much fun.

Synopsis

Chris Pratt is Peter Quill, a cosmic adventurer. After stealing a mysterious metal orb containing an "infinity chip," he becomes the target of Ronan (Lee Pace), an intergalactic Genghis Khan with ambitions to destroy his enemies, the Xandarians. Quill forms an uneasy alliance with a genetically engineered raccoon and bounty hunter Rocket (Bradley Cooper), Groot (Vin Diesel), a plant-based humanoid, assassin Gamora (Zoe Saldana) and Drax the Destroyer (Dave Bautista).

- Richard: ●●●●○
- Mark: ●●●●○

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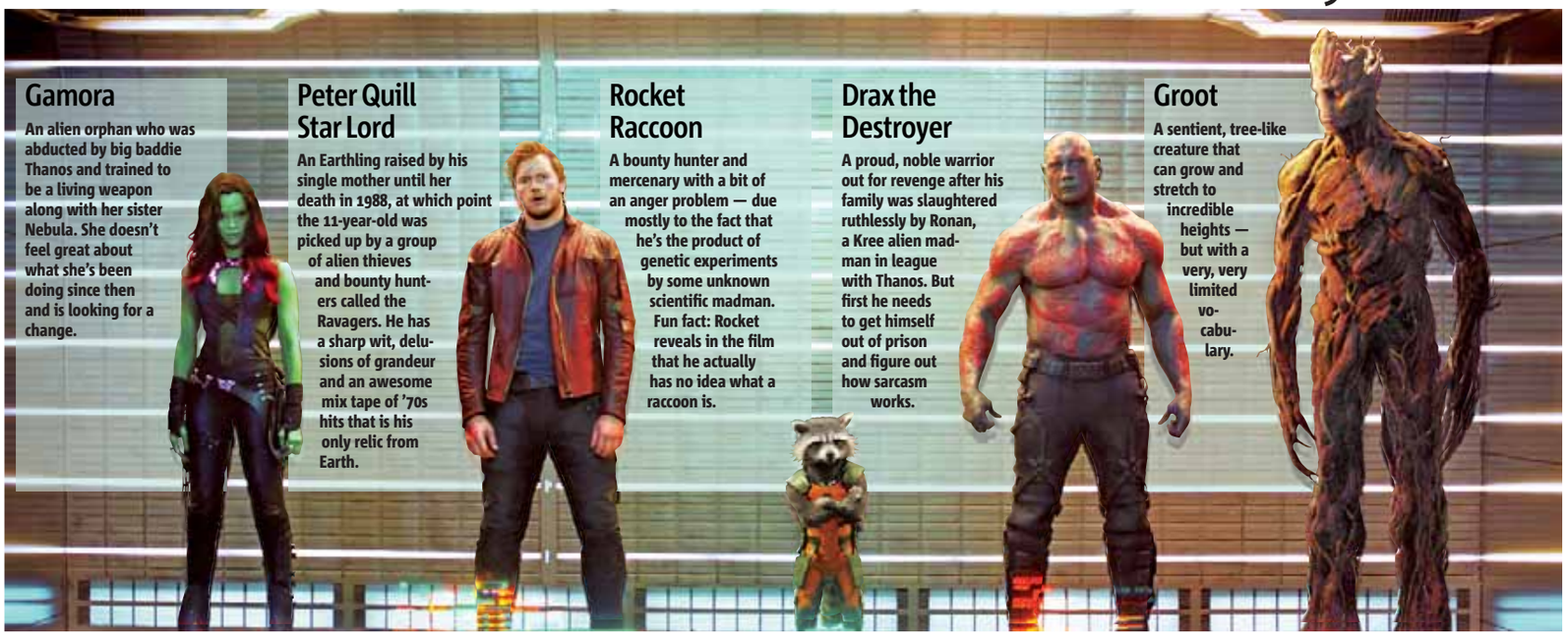

Gamora
An alien orphan who was abducted by big baddie Thanos and trained to be a living weapon along with her sister Nebula. She doesn't feel great about what she's been doing since then and is looking for a change.

Peter Quill Star Lord
An Earthling raised by his single mother until her death in 1988, at which point the 11-year-old was picked up by a group of alien thieves and bounty hunters called the Ravagers. He has a sharp wit, delusions of grandeur and an awesome mix tape of '70s hits that is his only relic from Earth.

Rocket Raccoon
A bounty hunter and mercenary with a bit of an anger problem — due mostly to the fact that he's the product of genetic experiments by some unknown scientific madman. Fun fact: Rocket reveals in the film that he actually has no idea what a raccoon is.

Drax the Destroyer
A proud, noble warrior out for revenge after his family was slaughtered ruthlessly by Ronan, a Kree alien madman in league with Thanos. But first he needs to get himself out of prison and figure out how sarcasm works.

Groot
A sentient, tree-like creature that can grow and stretch to incredible heights — but with a very, very limited vocabulary.

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Primer

How does this story fit into the Marvel universe?

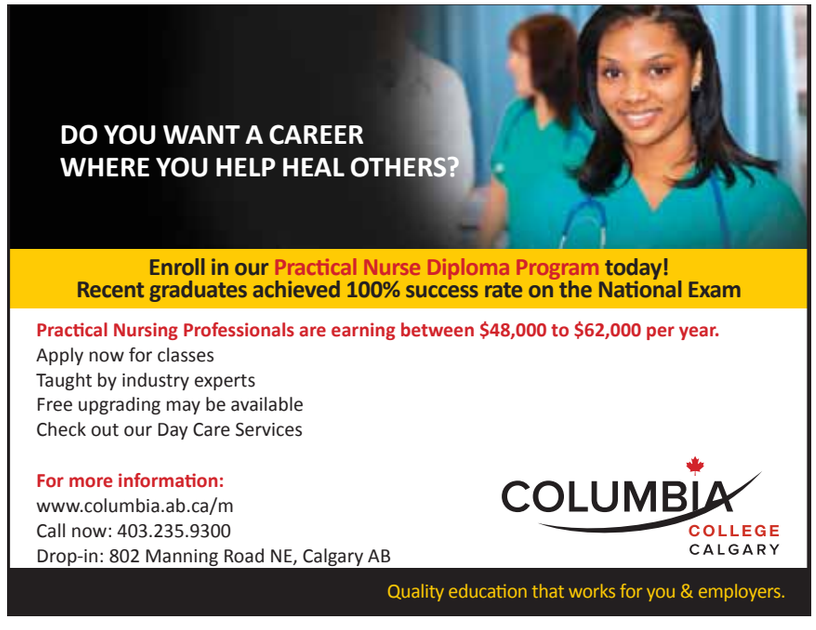
Average moviegoers — and even some affirmed comic book fans — might be a little hazy on just who these Guardians of the Galaxy are and how they tie in to the existing Marvel movie universe. (You know, with Iron Man and Thor and all those guys?) So here's a handy primer on the newest piece of the billion-dollar cinematic puzzle. Just because it's space doesn't mean it's the future. As the movie makes clear when we first see the grown-up Peter Quill, this is happening now, on the same timeline as The Avengers, Captain America: The Winter Soldier and the Thor films.

If you've been staying through the credits for Marvel's other films, you've already seen some pieces of this one: Thanos, the big bad guy ordering Ronan around — and voiced by Josh Brolin — first appeared in a post-credit sequence at the end of The Avengers. Turns out he was the one helping Loki attack Earth in that film, and he'll be causing trouble for just about everyone in the Marvel universe for the foreseeable future.

The Avengers

And at the end of Thor: The Dark World, two Asgardians delivered the pesky Aether to the Collector (Benicio del Toro), explaining that it and the Tesseract are "infinity stones" — which will be important later, so keep them in mind. Look for the Collector to pop up again in this film.

Thor: The Dark World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Drama/Sci-Fi

I Origins

Director. Mike Cahill

Stars. Michael Pitt

I Origins, the second feature film from writer and director Mike Cahill, tells the story of Dr. Ian Gray (Michael Pitt), a molecular biologist studying the evolution of the eye. He finds his work permeating his life after a brief encounter with an exotic young woman (Astrid Bergès-Frisbey) who slips away from him. As his research continues years later with his lab partner Karen (Brit Marling), they make a stunning scientific discovery.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 49% **Audience:** 72%

Documentary

For No Good Reason

Director. Charlie Paul

Stars. Ralph Steadman, Johnny Depp

Experience 15 years in the life of acclaimed illustrator Ralph Steadman, whose surreal, often confrontational artwork is frequently associated with Gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson thanks to such books as Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas and The Curse of Lono. A look back at Steadman's remarkable career offers a glimpse into his vivid imagination.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 63% **Audience:** 68%

Action & Adventure

Hercules

Director. Brett Ratner

Stars. Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson

Hercules, starring Dwayne Johnson, is based on Radical Comics' Hercules by Steve Moore. This ensemble-action film is a revisionist take on the classic myth, Hercules. The epic action film also stars Golden Globe winner Ian McShane, Rufus Sewell, Joseph Fiennes, Peter Mullan and Academy Award-nominee John Hurt.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 67% **Audience:** + 96%

Drama

Get On Up

Director. Tate Taylor

Stars. Chadwick Boseman, Viola Davis

In his follow-up to the The Help, Tate Taylor directs 42's Chadwick Boseman as James Brown in Get on Up. Based on the incredible life story of the Godfather of Soul, the film will give a fearless look inside the music, moves and moods of Brown, taking audiences on the journey from his impoverished childhood to his evolution into one of the most influential figures of the 20th century.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 86% **Audience:** + 90%

Mystery/Suspense, Drama

A Most Wanted Man

Director. Anton Corbijn

Stars. Philip Seymour Hoffman, Rachel McAdams

When a half-Chechen, half-Russian, brutally tortured immigrant turns up in Hamburg's Islamic community, laying claim to his father's ill-gotten fortune, both German and U.S. security agencies take a close interest. As the clock ticks down and the stakes rise, the race is on to establish this most wanted man's true identity — oppressed victim or destruction-bent extremist?

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 88% **Audience:** + 94%

Drama/Comedy

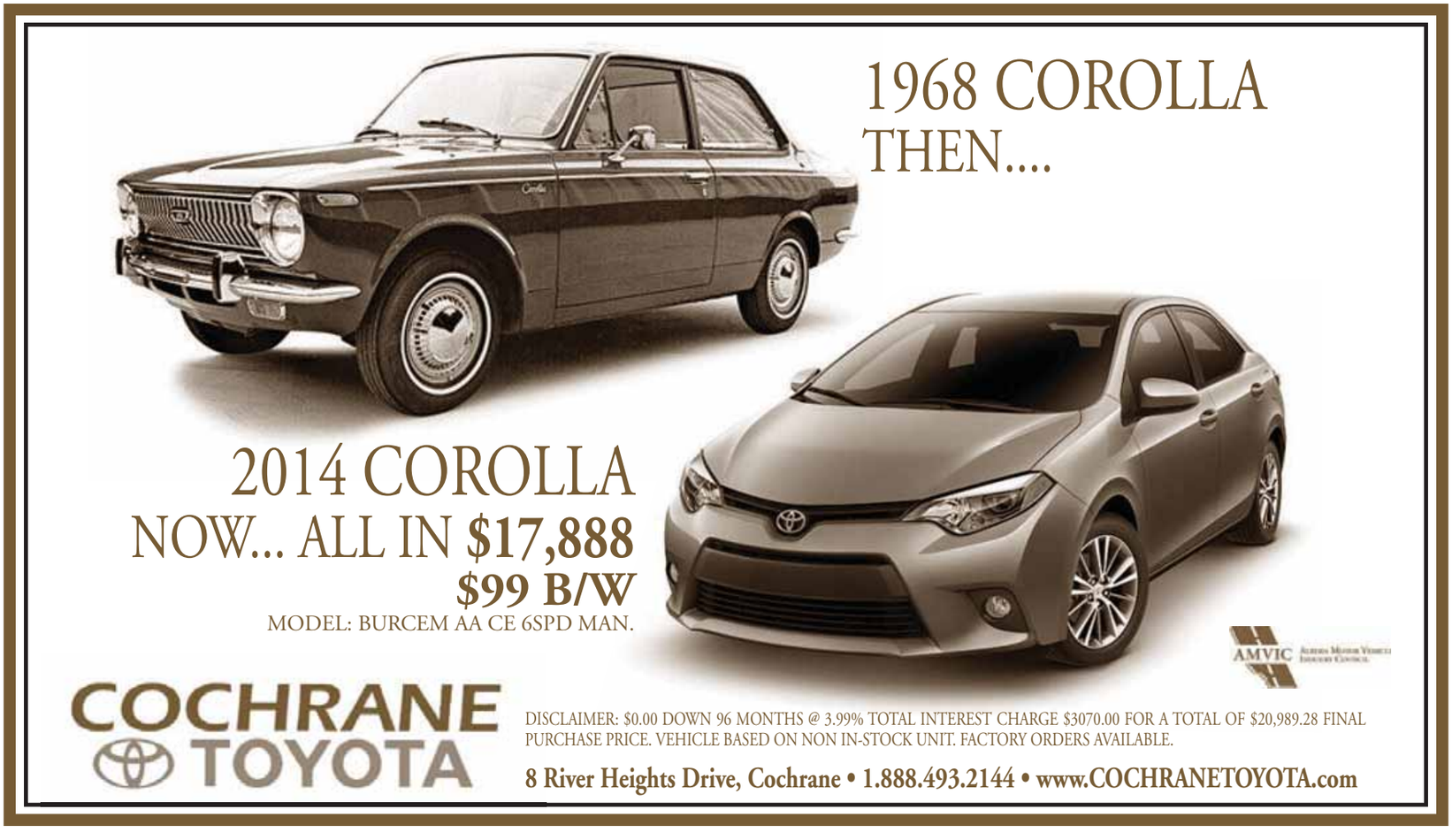
Wish I Was Here

Director. Zach Braff

Stars. Zach Braff, Kate Hudson, Mandy Patinkin

Director Zach Braff's follow-up to his indie breakout hit Garden State tells the story of a 30-something man who finds himself at a major crossroads, which forces him to examine his life, his career, and his family.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 41% **Audience:** 76%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Morgan Freeman and Scarlett Johansson star in Lucy. CONTRIBUTED

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The Purge: Anarchy (14A) Fri-Mon 11:40-2:15-4:55-7:30-10:25 Tue-Thu 1:35-4:35-7:30-10:10
Sex Tape (18A) Fri-Mon 12:45-3:10-5:40-8:15-10:35 Tue-Thu 12:05-2:30-5-7:30-10
Step Up: All In 3D (STC) Thu 7-10:15
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3 songs for the weekend

Seductive electronica from Seattle, exotic sounds from a well-travelled collection and a thrasher that bashes Toronto

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Arterial/ Lusine

This achingly pretty electronic piece by Seattle-based Lusine is lovely to listen to, but for full effect, you have to see the video which was inspired by spilling juice on a computer keyboard. It's gorgeous video art.

Passerby/Max LL

Montreal composer Max LL spent months travelling the world collecting exotic sounds from India, Mongolia, Bangladesh, Burma, Nepal and other far-flung lands. The resulting album is entitled Collecting Sounds from Around the World. Passerby is the opening track.

Hogtown/The Rough Boys

Toronto's punk/thrasher/stoner band Rough Boys finally managed to get an EP together entitled Blood, Booze and Gasoline. The lyrics are hard to make out, but you get the idea that they're not impressed with their hometown.

Video game review

Name. The Last of Us Remastered

For. PS4

Rated. Mature 17+

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It's emotional storytelling that makes The Last of Us an outstanding experience. Remastering doesn't change that — it visually enhances shadows and far-off landscapes, conveniently packaged in a documentary and the prequel, but adds nothing important to Joel and Ellie's post-apocalyptic journey. It's a bonus if you have a PS4, but PS3 bargain buyers aren't missing out. Sure, there's more control options and an Instagram-like feature to take and share photos, but really this is just a reminder not to miss out on one of the best games of all time. **KRIS ABEL**

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Feverish fans propel Grande to the top

My Everything.
Pop's ponytailed star is shining bright on cusp on new album release

Ariana Grande performs in Miami Beach. JEFF DALY/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ariana Grande is the new princess of pop, topping the charts with her addictive single Problem, impressing critics with her thick, gliding vocal range and maintaining an image that her young Nickelodeon fans can vibe with, signature ponytail and all.

The 21-year-old is having the best time of her life. But it's also the worst.

Her grandfather, with whom she had a very close relationship, died last week.

"I personally felt like I've been not as appreciative as I could be of the music success I wanted all my life because I've been distracted by my grandfather and his health and this being such a dark time," she said in an interview.

Grande said she hasn't had much time to "sit back and realize and just enjoy" her musical breakthrough, and what's coming next may not allow any time for it.

Her sophomore album, My Everything, arrives Aug. 25 at midnight, moments after the MTV Video Music Awards, where Grande is nominated for three moonmen. She released Bang Bang this week with Nicki Minaj and Jessie J, which quickly topped the iTunes charts. The Iggy Azalea-assisted Problem, which has sold 2.6 million tracks so far, is spending its 13th consecutive week in the Top 10 and another single, Break Free, is a rising radio hit.

"What's so attractive about Ariana is, No. 1 she's an extraordinary talent, No. 2 she's an exceptional actress, and the third part of it — which makes her a triple threat — is she has this wildly successful fan base on the Internet unlike anything we've seen in some time," said Monte Lipman, the CEO and chairman of Republic Records who signed Grande when she was 17.

MTV reprised its Total Request Live for a day for Grande. Amy Doyle, the network's executive vice-president of music and talent programming strategy, said MTV sat down with Grande's team to plan ways to help launch her new album.

"If TRL was around today, Ariana would be a fixture in the same way Britney (Spears) was when Britney was of the moment," said Doyle, who said the network had been thinking of ways to bring back TRL, but hadn't come up with the right idea until they thought of Grande. "She was absolutely the perfect artist to do that because her fans are active and she's very social."

The triumph in music comes a year after Grande released her debut, Yours Truly, which featured the multi-platinum Top 10 hit The Way and drew comparisons to Mariah Carey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Extraordinary talent

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Bieber posts bikini pic then makes Bloom cry

In the wake of his scuffle with Orlando Bloom in Ibiza earlier this week, Justin Bieber continues to prove exactly how mature he is by continuing to use the most powerful weapon in his vast arsenal — Instagram, obviously — to get the last word. After first posting and then deleting a bikini shot of Bloom's ex-wife, Miranda Kerr, Bieber uploaded a red-carpet photo of Bloom in which he appears to be crying. True to form, he quickly deleted it — but soon gained some courage and posted it again. Take that, Orlando! They say famous people stop developing at the age at which they gain notoriety, which is really unfortunate in Bieber's case. But all signs to point to a perpetual 14-year-old, so there must be some truth to that.

The Word

Ticketless and tipsy, Moss talks her way out of Turkey

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Metro in Hollywood

Kate Moss seems like a fun travel companion. According to several fellow passengers, the supermodel and upstanding role model turned up at Turkey's Bodrum Airport recently, ready to board an EasyJet flight back to London, too tipsy to notice she didn't actually have a ticket.

"The general consensus was that she didn't have a ticket but, after chatting to the manager for some time, she was whisked off and ushered onto a flight," an eyewitness says.

"It was pretty obvious that Kate had had a bit to drink, as she was talking loudly and didn't seem worried about being seen."

Although to be fair: Booze or no booze, I don't think Moss has ever been worried about being seen.

Ledger was great kisser, Hudson reveals

Kate Hudson has locked lips with a lot of attractive male co-stars throughout her film career, but one really stands out in her memory.

When asked by Bravo's Andy Cohen about the actors with whom she's kissed on-screen, the Almost Famous star responded, "I would say my favourite one was Heath (Ledger). That was pretty excellent. I would say that, I look back at all of it, and that was really — he was lovely."

Hudson co-starred with the late Dark Knight star in 2002's the Four Feathers.

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Elevate a casual get-together or pool party into something special by preparing some spectacular snacks. This is a recipe I go to time and time again because it comes together relatively easily but goes a long way in making your guests feel special and welcome.

Ingredients

Cucumber Jelly
- 1 tsp (5 ml) powdered gelatin
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) water
- 1 1/2 English cucumbers

Gazpacho
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) tomato juice
- 1 cup (250 ml) cubed stale bread
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 tomato, diced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1/2 English cucumber
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) red wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, peeled
- 1/2 tsp (1 ml) celery salt
- Tabasco sauce, to taste
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) 35% cream
- Salt and pepper

This recipe makes six appetizers. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

Cucumber Jelly

1. In bowl, sprinkle gelatin over water; let bloom 5 mins.

2. Cut 1/4 cup (60 ml) of the cucumber into small dice and the remaining cucumber into cubes. Set aside.

3. In a blender, purée the cubed cucumber until smooth. Strain. You'll need 1 cup (250 ml) of cucumber juice.

4. In microwave or small saucepan, heat gelatin with 1/4 cup (60 ml) of cucumber juice until completely dissolved. Add the remaining juice and the diced cucumber. Stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper.

5. Spoon the jelly into the bottom of six 1-cup (250 ml) serving glasses. Cover and refrigerate for 6 hours or overnight.

Gazpacho

1. In blender, purée all ingredients, except cream, salt and pepper, until smooth. Adjust seasoning. Refrigerate 1 hour.

Assembly

1. In a bowl, whip cream until stiff peaks form. To serve, pour gazpacho on cucumber jelly and top with whipped cream. Season with pepper and garnish with fresh herbs of your choice. Serve. **FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S UPCOMING ENGLISH EDITION LAUNCHING THIS SEPTEMBER!**

Liquid Assets

An arresting bottle of wine

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Guys, apparently we're letting the ladies make all the wine-buying decisions. I hadn't given this scenario much thought until I got an update on some new wines from Australia.

Named 19 Crimes, they're a growing collection of Down Under juice wrapped in black, matte-finish bottles with labels that feature the mug shots of some unsavoury looking characters who would be right at home on some 18th century post-office wall. The design is aimed squarely at the male consumer.

Though only time will tell if it works, the story behind the marketing has plenty of cross-gender appeal. If you remember high school history, Australia was supposedly colonized by malcontents who — if convicted of one of 19 different infractions — were given a one-way ticket to the outback.

Dude on the front panel of the 19 Crimes 2012 Shiraz Durif ($16.95 - $19.98) doesn't look happy about his sentence. Crammed with dark fruit flavours and balanced by noticeable oak, it's guilty of pairing well with barbecued meats.

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Collector's Club

If you love pop-up shops and curious gift items, then you probably know about the Collector's Club, an event that happens at the Commonwealth Bar every few months. The next instalment of this super-sweet market is taking place on Sunday, Aug.10 from 1 to 6 p.m. and admission is only $3 with all proceeds going to charity. Beyond finding cool objects you'll get to listen to a few DJs spinning Sunday afternoon tracks while you sip on mimosas. commonwealthbar.ca

Arcade Fire

On Aug. 12, the bizarre cyclone of musical talent and charade we know as Arcade Fire is touching down in Calgary to play at the Scotiabank Saddledome. If you haven't purchased tickets yet, make sure to act fast as these tickets won't be around much longer. It's also important to note that a dress code is in effect for the show, meaning that you should plan to dress up or wear something a little ridiculous. ticketmaster.ca

No Kids!

We love Telus Spark Nights because it's one of those wonderful events that gives people access to a space that is generally reserved for the 12-and-under crowd. Aug. 14 is the second Thursday of the month, which means that the science centre enforces a no-kids policy from 6 to 10 p.m. The theme of this adult night is focused on silk screening and registration is required ahead of time. If you've never tried this activity, it's definitely worth the trip. You can sign up by visiting the website: sparkscience.ca

Opera In The Village

The second annual Opera in the Village kicks off on Aug. 14 and runs until Aug. 23. For the next few weeks of August, the East Village will come alive with music, crowds and a big-top tent. This year, the festival will showcase Leonard Bernstein's Candide. If you enjoyed last year's Pirates of Penzance, then you'll be happy to return. calgaryopera.com

White Party

There's nothing quite like this impromptu picnic that features pop-up gourmet food, great conversation and brilliant outfits for one night only. Diner en Blanc is happening again on Sept. 4 and you're invited to see what all the fuss is about. Sign up now and begin preparing in advance. You'll want to make sure you read through the website so you're prepared. Bon appétit! calgary.dinerenblanc.info

Mad Decent

One of the best DJ parties of 2014 is coming next month to Shaw Millennium Park for one day only. Mad Decent returns this Sept. 5 and Calgary is one of 22 exciting stops that features hit DJs like Dillon Francis, Flosstradamus, RJD2 and Zeds Dead. This is going to be one heck of a party for you and a few thousand of your closest friends. For more details on the full line-up and the set times, you can visit the website. Stay tuned for more fun details to come. maddecentblockparty.com

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Glenn enjoys being 'busiest backup'

CFL. Former Stampeders QB back in town as member of Lions

Kevin Glenn has stepped in at quarterback for the Lions replacing Travis Lulay. BRENT JUST/GETTY IMAGES

For all of Kevin Glenn's success at McMahon Stadium when he quarterbacked the Calgary Stampeders, it's been a hostile place when he's wearing enemy colours.

Glenn is 0-8 as a visiting quarterback in Calgary. The articulate CFL veteran was uncharacteristically stumped when informed of that dubious record prior to Friday's game between his B.C. Lions and the host Stampeders.

"That's crazy. I never knew that," Glenn said Thursday. "They just win a lot here as the home team. Maybe the altitude? Is it the food here? It's that Alberta beef.

"That's a very interesting stat. Motivating, yes it is. Very motivating."

After a decade in the league and stops in Hamilton, Winnipeg and Saskatchewan, the 35-year-old forged an identity in Calgary as an effective insurance policy at pivot.

Drew Tate was anointed Calgary's No. 1 to start both the 2012 and 2013 campaigns, but Glenn played the majority of games because of Tate's injuries.

Glenn posted a combined 20-8 record and led the Stamps to the Grey Cup game two years ago when they lost to Toronto. He was the winning quarterback in 10 of Calgary's 14 victories last season.

The Ottawa Redblacks claimed Glenn in the expansion draft, but when Ottawa signed Henry Burris, Glenn asked for a trade and was dealt to the Lions.

With Travis Lulay's return delayed in Vancouver following his off-season shoulder surgery, Glenn has once again been the busiest "backup" in the CFL.

"The busiest backup is not a bad thing because you're actually playing and if you're playing it, means you're the starter," was Glenn's logic. "You want to call me a starter backup or backup starter, however you want to name it, I'm still playing." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Week 6 pick

Lions at Stampeders, Friday, 8 p.m. (TSN)

A Calgary win puts quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell's name into the CFL record book. It would be Mitchell's eighth straight victory to begin a career and move him past former Stampeders star Jeff Garcia.

Mitchell hasn't always been lights out for the Stamps (4-0) but is second in TD passes (seven) and is the only CFL starter yet to throw an interception. He's also the only starter with a quarterback efficiency rating over 100 (104.8) despite not looking good in last week's 26-22 victory over Edmonton. **Pick:** Calgary

Bombers tame Ticats

Willy waves wand in winning drive

Drew Willy did it again.

Willy's two-yard TD pass to Nic Grigsby on the final play rallied the Winnipeg Blue Bombers to a stirring 27-26 comeback win over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats on Thursday night. Grigsby's catch capped an impressive 11-play, 95-yard drive that began with 1:40 remaining and ended with Lirim Hajrullahu's winning convert.

On July 11, Willy's 17-yard TD pass to Julian Feoli-Gudino with 28 seconds left gave the Bombers a 34-33 road win over the Montreal Alouettes. Feoli-Gudino had a hand in Thursday's victory, his clutch 22-yard catch putting Winnipeg (5-2) at the Hamilton two-yard, nice redemption after losing a fumble earlier in the quarter to end a promising drive.

"We did it before against Montreal so I was saying in the huddle, 'Hey, we've been in the same situation before. Let's just go down there and get a touchdown,'" Willy said. "I think every single guy had a piece of that drive, it was impressive to be a part of." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Blue Bombers players celebrate their comeback win over the Tiger-Cats on Thursday in Hamilton. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's Tamerlan Tagziev, top, battles Nigeria's Andrew Dick at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, Thursday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tagziev dominant for the gold

All that Tamerlan Tagziev wanted to do was make his adopted homeland proud.

He succeeded in impressive fashion at the Commonwealth Games on Thursday.

The Russian-born freestyle wrestler arrived in Canada five years ago, and Thursday won his first international gold medal for his new country with a dominant victory in the men's 86-kilogram division final.

Still trying to catch his breath after the match, Tagziev pointed to the Maple Leaf on his chest as the reason for his 14-4 manhandling of Nigeria's Andrew Dick.

"It's a big deal to represent our country. I'm proud of being Canadian," said the 32-year-old, who lives in Toronto. "I'm so proud. The national anthem (played) for me."

Tagziev's gold came on the heels of Danielle Lappage's earlier victory in the women's 63-kilogram division and capped a great event on the mat for Canada. The day also saw Brittanee Laverdure and Jevon Balfour win silver medals.

Canadian wrestlers finished with 12 medals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Trades all over the place, but the Jays stay put

Non-waiver deadline.
A's get Lester, Tigers take Price, Toronto gets exactly zilch

Jon Lester pitches for the Red Sox at Fenway Park in Boston in this file photo. He's moving to the Oakland Athletics. MICHAEL DWYER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In the hours leading up to baseball's trade deadline, Toronto Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos heard small bits of news about moves around the American League but didn't have time to digest them.

"You're not really spending time to sit back and analyze what your competition's doing and things like that," Anthopoulos said. "You're so focused on what we're trying to get done."

While the landscape around them changed with trades both major and minor, the Blue Jays did nothing before Thursday's non-waiver deadline.

On deadline day, the Orioles added left-handed reliever Andrew Miller from the Boston Red Sox, who had their own fire sale by also sending Jon Lester to the Oakland Athletics, John Lackey to the St. Louis Cardinals and Stephen Drew to the Yankees. New York also got infielder Martin Prado from the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Ace left-hander David Price left the division as the Tampa Bay Rays sent him to the Detroit Tigers in a three-way deal that also included the Seattle Mariners. As part of the return, the Rays got centre-fielder Austin Jackson from Detroit.

Jose Bautista told reporters in Houston he had "mixed feelings" about the Blue Jays' inaction at the trade deadline.

"Of course it's a little disappointing that we somehow weren't able to get anything done, but everyone around us that's in contention — and even some teams that aren't in contention like the Red Sox — somehow figured it out," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Six and counting

The Blue Jays extended their winning streak to six on Thursday in the opening tilt of a four-game series against the Astros. Go to metronews.ca for the story.

Golf

Tiger lurking four shots off lead

Tiger Woods took another step on one of his favourite courses toward showing his game might be turning around.

Woods made six birdies Thursday to account for his mistakes and opened with a 2-under 68 at the Bridgestone Invitational. He was still four shots behind Marc Leishman of Australia, who shot 64 on a perfect day for scoring at Firestone.

It was only a first step for Woods. He opened with a 69 at the British Open two weeks ago, and then made the cut on the number.

British Open champion Rory McIlroy made a late double bogey in his round of 69.

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NHL. Subban and Habs set to take contract dispute to arbitration

Barring a last-minute deal, the Montreal Canadiens will spend Friday morning pointing out the flaws in one of their top players.

The Canadiens are headed to arbitration with defenceman P.K. Subban, the 2013 Norris Trophy winner and restricted free agent coming off a contract that paid him $3.75 million US per season.

Subban, who told a Toronto TV station this week he'd like to stay with the Habs for the rest of his career, is seeking $8.5 million. The team has countered with what is widely considered to be a lowball offer of $5.25 million.

The two sides are set to make their case to Boston-based arbitrator Elizabeth Neumeier in a hearing beginning 9 a.m. Friday, with the verdict on a one-year deal to come down Sunday afternoon.

A team spokesman said Canadiens GM Marc Bergevin wouldn't be available for an interview Thursday.

Subban's agent, Don Meehan of Newport Sports Management, didn't return a call seeking comment.

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The difference between P.K. Subban's asking price per year ($8.5 million) and the Canadiens' offer ($5.25 million).

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You're feeling more positive about life and that makes you more willing to get out into the world and rub shoulders with people who can be of benefit.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If someone you don't get along with makes an effort to be nice to you today, make an effort to be nice in return. Just because you have different values does not mean you can't get along.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
With the Sun, Jupiter and now Mercury, your ruler, moving through one of the positive areas of your chart you'll find it easy to hit targets that before you thought were too high.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
There are some days when, no matter how hard the task you have to take care of, everything comes easy to you, and this is one of them.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If you limit yourself to tried and tested ways over the next two or three days you will not only make unnecessary work for yourself but you could miss out on something good. Be open.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Nothing bad will happen today as long as you think logically. That will help you make sense of what, to emotional types, makes no sense at all.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you force others to follow your lead today, they will refuse. If, however, you use your charm to win them over you will find it easy to maneuver them in the direction you want them to go.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
What is your number one ambition in life? Are you close to making it come true? If not, don't worry because the planets promise there is plenty of time.

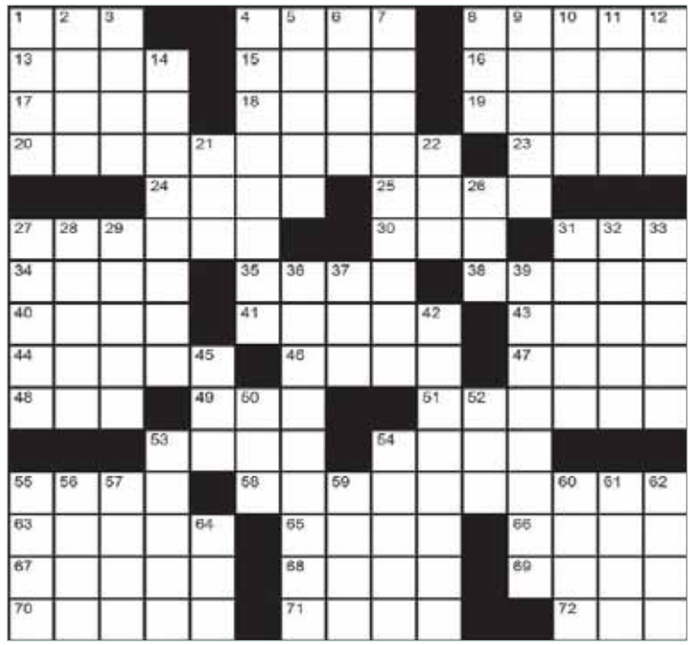
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The upsets of the past few months are beginning to fade and all you should care about today and over the weekend is having as much fun as possible.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You have an obsession with perfection but you need to remember that not everyone shares it. If you take it too far today, you might tempt certain people to be obstructive.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is an excellent time for travel and social activities, and maybe affairs of the heart as well. You will be chatty and charming today and will make a good impression on someone.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If you're planning a surprise for a loved one be careful who you confide in because this is one of those days when information could easily slip out.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across

1. Tee 'n' club org.
4. Scott of "Hawaii Five-0"
8. __ Sound, ON
13. Sounded the bell
15. 'Eight'-meaning prefix
16. Surfer's correspondence
17. __-de-boeuf (Small window)
18. Famous literature trilogy [acronym]
19. Actress Olivia
20. Music legend portrayed by Chadwick Boseman in new movie "Get on Up" (2014): 2 wds.
23. Sports __
24. Barge __ __ (Intrude)
25. Web auction site
27. Calgary-based energy company
30. Opening
31. Butterfingers
34. Beehive State
35. Not yet final, at law
38. Ballroom dance
40. Tear apart
41. Wear away: 2 wds.
43. Podium
44. Valley varieties
46. "99 Luftballons" by __
47. Wines: French
48. Snake-like splasher
49. __ Bran (Quaker cereal)
51. CBC's "__ Stroumboulopoulos Tonight"
53. Rich
54. Painter Mr. Chagall
55. Shrek, for example
58. Comparative info for travellers provided by Trivago.ca: 2 wds.
63. Sophisticated
65. Venus de __ (Ancient statue)
66. Recount
67. Record __
68. __. donor
69. Comfort
70. Spherical
71. Belted out
72. Be in need of a thimble

Down

1. Heidi Klums 'Runway', e.g.
2. Greek Myth: Earth goddess [var. sp.]
3. Cartooning, for short
4. Ontario city on Lake Erie, Port __
5. Squirrel's prize
6. Prefix that means 'Quintillionth'
7. "__ Wood (This Bird Has Flown)" by The Beatles
8. Religious bench
9. "Jaws" (1975) setting, __ Island
10. Stethoscope sound
11. Rapper, Flo __
12. Cosmology's original matter
14. Alberta hamlet just southeast of Calgary
21. __-Caps (Brand of candy)
22. Toronto Raptors org.
26. Pertinent
27. Computers: __ protector
28. Serviceable
29. __ orange
31. Studio sign: 2 wds.
32. Anti-__ cream
33. Choreographer, Bob __ (b.1927 - d.1987)
36. "Painted Ladies" Hamilton-born singer/songwriter: 2 wds.
37. __-Julie, Quebec
39. What 1995 to 2005 series "JAG" stands for, Judge __ General
42. Go on the journey too: 2 wds.
45. Old French coin
50. Fireplace stuff
52. Be off
53. Flood embankment
54. Honeydew __
55. __, Norway
56. Thickening gum
57. Canadian actor David James Elliott's role on #39-Down, Cmdr. Harmon 'Harm' __, Jr.
59. Ms. Turner
60. Second Cup servings
61. Other
62. Batch
64. Past time

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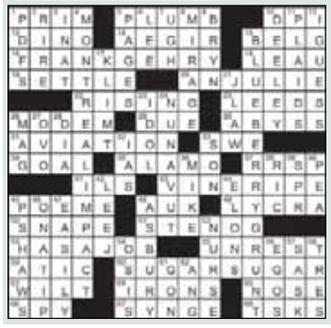

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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